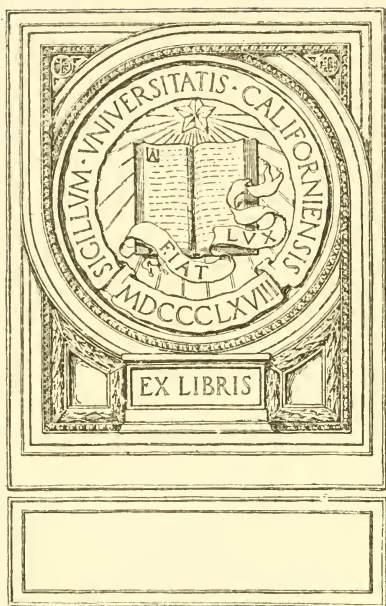






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HENRY II TO WILLIAM III.

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INTRODUCTION

THE origin of the City of Lincoln, like that of most other cities, is lost in the obscurity of the ages. The site of the City is in every way very remarkable. Perched, as it were, on a lofty projecting promontory of land, at the extreme edge of the high ground which divides the Northern part of the County from the Southern part; looking due South over the valley-bed of the wide prehistoric river which reaches nearly from the very foot of the Greestone stairs to the ridge opposite, and is now just indicated by the narrow, sluggish stream of the River Witham; within reasonable distance of Peterborough, Boston, Grantham, Newark, Gainsborough, Barton, and many other mercantile and rural towns; and commanding the main North Road from London over the Wolds to Hull and the Humber, it could not be but that the site of Lincoln recommended itself to the early inhabitants of this country. Nor are visible signs wanting, to show those who can read them aright the various successive stages of human occupation, many of which have been chronicled in some of the latest works on Lincoln History.

Not to mention earlier or prehistoric vestiges, and the shadowy legends of Lind-coit, the British site of Lincoln, nor the late Precentor Venables' derivation of Lyn-dun, "the pool under the stronghold on the hill," there are the Roman remains of public buildings, walls and gateways, over which a wise forethought of the authorities who control the destinies of the City has placed a protective hand to shield them for ever from the destructive march of time. There are to be seen, by all who pass along the Bailgate, a series of circular spots marked out by granite setts, which to the casual observer appear to be devoid of meaning. But if we search below the surface of the ground, or descend into the basement of one of the houses, we shall find the Roman foundations and Roman bases of columns which nearly two thousand years ago adorned the Government Buildings of the Roman Rulers. The lapse of these twenty centuries of time has gradually raised the superjacent ground, which now assumes a level by some writers put at from nine to twelve feet above the Roman pavement.

In the same way, the rules and regulations which governed the concourse of inhabitants at that remote period, lie buried under the successive series of documents framed from time to time by way of improvement of, or substitution for, the simpler laws under which the first people who dwelt within the City boundaries fashioned their morals and manners. The consideration of these local laws, as defined by the almost unbroken series of Charters granted to the citizens by successive Sovereigns of England, here claims our attention. These Royal Records are numerous, and although by misfortune the original texts of many have been lost by unaccountable causes, yet many, and not the least important, still remain in possession of the Corporation, and many can be recovered, because of the judicious system followed in the Middle Ages of causing copies of all royal documents to be enrolled or otherwise preserved among the Records of the Realm.

The painstaking and learned authors Merewether and Stephens, to whose history¹ of boroughs and municipal corporations I am much indebted, and from which I have made several references in this Introduction, discuss many important points in the development of the City of Lincoln. This work should find a place in the Library and Council Chamber of every British Corporation.

In the roll of five Parliamentary Boroughs of Lincolnshire—Lincoln—Grantham—Stamford—Great Grimsby—and Boston—at the time of the Domesday Survey two—Lincoln and Stamford—alone are mentioned as Boroughs. Lincoln is described as a City, and in the time of King Edward Confessor there were nine hundred and seventy inhabited mansions or dwelling-houses, but that number is computed in English to be one hundred for one hundred and twenty. There were also in this same city twelve “lage men”² having “sac” and “soc.” Fourteen persons—who seem to have been Saxons—are stated to have “toll” and “them,” and now (*i.e.*, at the time of the Survey) there are as many men having “soc” and “sac,” all of whom are mentioned by name. Many persons are described as having mansions in the City—one has his hall (probably a stone built house) quit of all customs—another has his hall—and one has a mansion without the hall whereof

¹ The History of the Boroughs and Municipal Corporations of the United Kingdom from the Earliest to the Present Time with an examination of Records, Charters, and other Documents, illustrative of their Constitution and Power, By Henry Alworth Merewether, Serjeant at Law, Solicitor-General to the Queen, and Archibald John Stephens, M.A., F.R.S., Barrister at Law. 3 vols. London. 1835.

² These are a class of persons recognised in the *Laws of Edward Confessor* and in the *Senatus Consultum de Monticulis Walliae*, equivalent in all likelihood to the borough jury and enjoying privileges and exemptions.

he has land-gable. The manse of another is quit of all custom. A priest has a manse with "soc" and "sac." Gilbert de Gand, a powerful Norman leader, had the same and a manse quit of all custom. Earl Hugh and Roger de Busli have each a manse with "soc" and "sac." The Countess Judita has one manse without "soc" and "sac." Remigius, Bishop of Lincoln, has a little manse with "soc," "sac," "toll" and "them." And upon this and other manses nothing is paid except the geld of the King, which they give with the burgesses. Of three superior manses there is one quit of all things, but two are in geld with the burgesses. Of the manses here which were inhabited in the time of King Edward Confessor there are now two hundred waste—English number twelve hundred and forty—(some error of the original scribe here for two hundred and forty)—and in the same numeration seven hundred and sixty are now—in the time of the Survey)—inhabited. Misfortunes, poverty, and burning by fire account for seventy-four and the castle for one hundred and sixty-six of the above mentioned two hundred waste manses. It must be noticed that in the Domesday account of this City the burgesses are expressly mentioned as paying the geld.

Before proceeding to deal with these Charters one by one, let us pause to consider what is meant by a Charter, what value a Charter possesses, and why we should do our utmost to preserve, publish, study, understand, and appreciate them. A Charter is a public document running in the name of the King, and attested by the King's most intimate and influential advisers, whose assent and approbation is indicated by their names and dignities being introduced into the body of the instrument. It is usually directed to the Archbishops, Bishops, Sheriffs, Justices, Barons, Ministers, and the whole body of the King's subjects, and it confers specified and specially-mentioned privileges, gifts, concessions, or other valuable benefits, powers, property, or liberties upon the person or body corporate in whose favour it is granted. The privileges which it sets forth in detail are to be enjoyed during the pleasure of the Sovereign in accordance with the expressed terms of its words, and these privileges are valid in Courts of Law, and cannot be annulled, diminished, or disturbed by any authority except that of the King himself, or by voluntary renunciation on the part of the recipient.

In the enjoyment of these wide-reaching powers the towns and cities of England have grown great, powerful, progressive, beneficent, and secure; and hence it behoves us all that the actual documents which confer these privileges, and the very words in which these

privileges are contained, should be preserved from harm or loss by those who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of governing their fellow townsmen in accordance with the authority which they originally derived from these very instruments. It is true that their authority is now derived from the Municipal Corporation Acts.

Actuated by these laudable motives, your Corporation, in the spring of 1904, looked into the condition of their ancient records, with a view to ascertaining what yet remained of them, and it was found necessary to have them examined and freed from dust and mildew, and the incipient ravages of their decay arrested. The duty of putting them in order, after the manner followed by the Manuscript Department of the British Museum, was recognised; for it became abundantly evident that it was not a moment too soon to begin if these archives were to be preserved from the dangers which threatened them. Now, every document is securely placed away in boxes resembling those used by that Museum for the proper storage and preservation of the National Collection; and with reasonable care, your Charters and historical deeds, in which the whole mediæval life of the City of Lincoln is contained, will be in as good condition hundreds of years to come as they now are, to delight those who love to study municipal life and progress by the lights thrown upon them by the very documents and records themselves. The Catalogues of the Books of Records, the Rolls, the Deeds, and the packets of Title-deeds and Miscellanea, have been completed; and, subject to necessary regulations, it is competent to every one to inspect them for any useful purpose.

The Pipe-Rolls of the year 1157, 3 Henry II, contain, among other items of local interest, notice of the "aid" of the CITY of Lincoln, and record that the *tellarii*, or weavers of Lincoln, pay for their guilds, a fact which indicates considerable civic order.

I.

King Henry II gave no fewer than six Charters to Lincoln. The first is no longer extant as an original document, but the text is contained in an Inspeximus or Confirmation Charter of King Henry III, by which the latter King ratifies the Charter of his grandfather, Henry II. Herein the second Henry, who styles himself King of the English, Duke of the Normans and Aquitanians, and Count of the Angevins, commands his Sheriffs and Ministers of Lincolnshire to cause "foreign" merchants, *i.e.* merchants who are not inhabitants of the city, but from outside places (*foris*), to come to Lincoln and exercise their callings as they used to do in the time of

his grandfather King Henry I, to the end that the Provosts of Lincoln may not lose the King's royal customs. This Charter throws a great light upon the history of the city. It indicates that the city's trade had been better in the time of King Henry I (1100-1135) than it was in the time of King Henry II (1154-1189), who feared that the receipts of Crown dues would languish, unless the outside merchants were induced to come and trade in the town. The Charter was attested by Richard de Lucy, and promulgated at Wodestock. It is inspected by later Sovereigns at pages 14, 19, 24, 40, and 45.

The Rev. W. D. Macray who reported in 1895 on the Lincoln Charters to the Historical Manuscripts Commission found among your archives a transcript from the Records in the Tower, of the recital in an *Inspeximus* Charter of the second regnal year of King Richard II (1378-9), of the grant by King Henry II to Robert [de Querceto, 1147-1166], Bishop of Lincoln, and his successors, for their buildings and houses, of all the land with the ditch from the wall of Lincoln-Bail on the eastern side, round the Church of St Michael as far as St Andrew's cemetery, and from that cemetery as far as the city wall towards the east, free from langavel and picage and all other things; "and the bishop may freely pierce the wall of my bailey to make a gateway for facilitating his entry and exit to and from the church, and so arrange his buildings that they may be extended to each wall." Witnesses:—Roger, Archbp. of York, Thomas the Chancellor, Rich. de Luci, Warin son of Gerold, Chamberlain, William son of Hamo, Robert de Dunstanville, Jocus de Balliol. It was given at Lincoln, but no date of day or year is mentioned. The date of this document is between the years 1154 and 1158. This we are told is an office copy, made by Geo. Holmes, and attested by W. Harvey, 24th February, 1704. The text is on Charter Roll, 2 Richard II, No. 5, but the actual original is not now known to exist, nor can the transcript be found among the Lincoln archives¹.

II.

The first document of this series which is preserved in the Muniment Room of the city is a Charter of King Henry II. Its existence there was not always known. The parchment labels of the seal remain, with a very small fragment of the wax on one of its labels, together with a silver rim or frame in which the seal was at some time placed, probably about the seventeenth century when the deed was affixed, for preservation, to its present parchment back. The Charter

¹ Macray's Report, p. 14, from Ross, *Civitas Lincolnia*, pp. 12-20.

is addressed to the Bishop of Lincoln and other official notables, and declares that the King has granted to the citizens all their liberties, customs, and laws, which they had in the time of Edward the Confessor, William the Conqueror, and Henry I, and their merchant-guild of the men of the city and other merchants of the county: and all those who dwell in the four wards (*divisæ*) of the city are to ply their trade without hindrance; with provision that peaceable tenure for a year and a day without adverse claim is to be a bar to any pleadings against the purchaser, and to entitle the holder to the privileges of citizenship.

This Charter was promulgated at Nottingham, and it is recorded that King Henry II was in that town in the year 1157, about which date this Charter may have been granted. An early copy is preserved in the enrolments of the Chancery, entitled the "*Cartæ Antiquæ*," F. 16: an example of the usefulness of copying records; for had this original sealed Charter been lost, the actual tenor of its text could have been recovered if any suit depended on its express terms—(as no doubt was often the case)—by reference to the Chancery Records, which were always accepted as evidence in Courts of Law. It is given at page 1.

King Henry II granted several other Royal Charters to Lincoln, but they are no longer extant, except in the form of *Inspeximus*, or examination and approval by later kings.

III.

One of these, inspected later at pages 18 and 40, deals with the tolls to be taken from the merchants of Norway bringing their wares to the port of Grimsby or other parts of the County of Lincoln, which tolls were payable to the Provosts of Lincoln under the then very severe penalty of ten pounds. It was attested by William fitz John at Worcester.

IV.

Another, inspected at pages 20 and 41, deals with the taxation of the inhabitants of the four wards of the city. It was given at Nottingham.

V.

Another, inspected at pages 19 and 41, required the actual presence of the merchant who dyed or retailed his cloths in Lincoln, and confirmed the customs.

VI.

Another, inspected at page 39, relates to the fee-farm of the city, and its method of collection. It was given at Stamford.

VII.

King Richard I granted a Charter to the citizens of Lincoln, couched in the usual terms of address to the Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Ministers, Bailiffs, and all his faithful lieges, both French and English. The author of *Civitas Lincolnia* somewhat enlarges on and somewhat misunderstands the terms of this Charter, and is inclined to magnify some of its clauses and to overlook others.

By it the King grants that none of the citizens shall be impleaded outside the city in respect of any plea, unless it be in pleas of outer tenures, except the royal moneyers and ministers. The citizens were to have quittance for the tax levied on the district, when a manslaughter or murder had been committed within the city or portsoke; Judicial "Duel" was abolished, a means up to that time used by law to settle certain disputes; Pleas of the Crown were put on an easier footing for the citizens; and no one could claim a billet on any citizen against his will, even if the Marshal had in this wise apportioned him a lodging. This last clause seems to relate to those who were going about from place to place collecting the royal dues. By it, also, all citizens were to be exempt from toll and lastage, a ship's loading-tax, throughout the realm of England and the seaports; no one to be fined except in accordance with the scale current in London; Miskenning, or fine for misinterpretation of the article of any indictment or not meeting it in accordance with established rule and precedent, was abolished; one weekly Borough-ward meeting was instituted, which seems to be the equivalent of a modern weekly sitting of the Common Council; pleas of various kinds were to be heard within the city; and if anyone throughout the realm had taken toll or custom from the citizens of Lincoln, the Provost of the city was to take a repayment thereof. Also, for the benefit of the city, the citizens were to be free from bridtoll, the annual gift to the King's wardrobe, scotale or enforced monopoly under certain circumstances in the ale trade, and several other valuable privileges were hereby conferred on the citizens. An important and far-reaching clause concluded the gifts bestowed by this King on the citizens, whereby they were to enjoy all the customs above enumerated, and all other the liberties and free customs which the citizens of London had or have when at their best, according to

the liberties of London and the laws of the City of London¹. In return for these truly valuable concessions, whereby the City of Lincoln was put on an equal footing with that of London in respect of royal taxation, an annual contribution of ninescore pounds of Lincoln money was to be paid by the city into the King's Exchequer at the two terms of the year then in vogue, viz. Easter and Michaelmas, by the hands of the city provost, who was to be a fit and able person in law elected yearly by the will of the citizens.

This Charter is attested by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and other prominent advisers of the King, and was promulgated by William, Bishop of Ely, the King's Chancellor, at Winchester, on the 23rd April, in the fifth regnal year of the King, which corresponds with the year 1194. Its text is only found in the inspections of later date at pages 20 and 42, and there is a copy transcribed somewhat carelessly, and in one or two passages obscurely, in the White Book of your Records (page 150), in the handwriting of a town clerk of the fifteenth century, which has been printed here at page 3.

Merewether and Stephens, discussing the terms of this Charter, point out that Richard I granted the usual privilege that they should not plead without the walls; quittance of murder within the city; and the portsoke, a term explained as meaning the liberty of the *porte*, or town, which usually extended without the walls; freedom from forced lodgings taken by the King's Officers, from toll, and from amercements for money, except according to the law of the citizens of London; that there should be no miskenning; and that the burgh-mote should be held only once in a week. This latter privilege affords a strong inference that all the inhabitants were compellable to attend there, otherwise such a limitation would not have been introduced for their benefit.

The burgesses were to have their lands, tenures, pledges, debts, etc., according to the custom of the city. Taking toll from the men of Lincoln was to be prevented by interposition of the reeve who is mentioned twice in this Charter. All their liberties and free customs which they or the citizens of London have had, were confirmed to them and their heirs to hold hereditarily, rendering a rent by the reeve to which office they were to elect whom they pleased.

VIII.

Merewether and Stephens have put on record that King John granted two Charters to the City of Lincoln.

¹ See W. de G. Birch, *The Historical Charters...of the City of London*, 4^o, 1887.

The first (Rot. Cart. 1 Joh. memb. 30) resembles the first Charter granted to the citizens of London, which carries back the franchises of Lincoln to the period of Henry II, the date of the grant to London.

This grant to Lincoln gives, in substance, "an exclusive jurisdiction," one privilege being that of not pleading without the city, nor being obliged to wage battle after the legal practice of those ages but to try the matter according to the laws and liberties of the City of London. The last may be compared with that of the London Charter, but it is not included in this work.

IX.

Six years afterwards, on the same day of the year, as King Richard I's Charter, 23rd April, 1200, we meet with a Charter of King John, which is still preserved among the Lincoln muniments. Some considerable time ago, the custodian endeavoured, unwisely, to counteract the damaged condition of this Charter by fastening to its back a portion of the record of a plea heard at Westminster in the time of Queen Elizabeth, while the fragments of the Great Seal were fastened in a silver frame within folds of paper sewn together.

This is the second Charter of King John. Many places in the text of this document are now no longer able to be deciphered, but the Charter Roll of King John, preserved in H.M. Record Office in London (part 2, membrane 3) contains a good copy, from which the missing words in the text can be made good. The vellum, or parchment on which the Charter is written, has suffered from the action of the adhesive material, gum or paste, which has been used in fastening the parchment to it. By the terms of this Charter, the concessions of King Henry II's Charter are recapitulated: the prohibition from taking toll or custom from the citizens of Lincoln anywhere in England is modified by a saving clause in favour of all the liberties of the City of London; and two of the more law-worthy and more discreet citizens are to be selected by the Common Council of the city and sent up to the Lord Chief Justice at Westminster; these two are to well and truly keep the Provostry of the City of Lincoln, and not to be removed, so long as they conduct themselves properly in their office, except by the Common Council of their city. This was an improvement on the earlier method of appointing one Provost of the Crown. The Common Council was also empowered by this Charter to elect four of the more law-worthy and more discreet citizens to maintain the Pleas of the Crown, and other pleas which appertain to the King or his Crown, in the said city; and to see that the Provosts justly and lawfully dispensed

justice alike both to the poor and the rich. The witnesses to the deed include the Bishop of London and the celebrated statesman William Briwere. It was promulgated at Awelton, in co. Southampton, now called Alton, in the first year of the King's reign, which corresponds with the year of Our Lord 1200.

The author of the work entitled *Civitas Lincolnia* states, that to this Charter the King put his signature, but this is very improbable. The King no doubt ordered the Keeper of the Great Seal to append an impression in wax of the seal which he had in his keeping by virtue of his office, and the fragments of this are still extant. They can be carefully put together, and then, with due care, need never again be lost or diminished.

The authors already referred to point out that this second¹ Charter of King John¹ is a confirmation of the former granted earlier in the same year, with this addition, that the city might "by the Common Council" elect two of the most lawful and discreet citizens who should keep the reeveship of the city and should not be amoved so long as they conducted themselves well in their bailiwick, unless "by the Common Council" of the city. And that the citizens might, "by the Common Council" elect four of the more lawful and discreet to keep the Pleas of the Crown. These privileges were exceedingly important and they laid the foundation of the future prosperity of the city and the liberty of the inhabitants, for this clause practically confers on the citizens of Lincoln the power of electing two persons—"lawful men"—who were to fill the office of reeve, bailiff, provost, or mayor, and was the same as that granted to London in the Charter authorizing the citizens to choose their mayor. But these are directed to be chosen by the "Common Council," a term frequently applied to support and justify the acts of select bodies in corporations. Merewether and Stephens point out that at this period there was neither in Lincoln, nor in any other place in the country, a municipal corporation, and the term must be taken to mean the deliberation and consent of any body of men, just as the King performed acts by the Common Council of the archbishops, prelates and barons, *teste* the Magna Carta, and other *diplomata* of the realm.

The four "lawful men" here appointed to administer the Pleas of the Crown were, no doubt, a reduced number of the twelve "lage men" of Lincoln mentioned in the Domesday Survey, of whom some notice has already been made.

¹ Rot. Cart. 1 Joh. memb. 3, part 2.

King Henry III, whose reign of upwards of fifty-six years was one of the longest in the annals of our country, appears to have granted four¹ Charters to the citizens of Lincoln in 1227, 1255, 1262, and 1272, according to the book mentioned above; but Mr Macray draws attention to an earlier Charter of this King, dated the 21st of November, in the eleventh year of the King's reign, which would fall in the year of Our Lord 1226. It is extant in the form of a fifteenth-century transcript, contained in the earliest Book of Records called "White Book" (folio 150). This Charter will be found on examination to be a grant of privileges to the burgesses of Cambridge and to contain nothing relating to Lincoln. Its entry in the Lincoln book is owing to the fact that copies of Royal Charters were sent about to various repositories for the purpose of publication.

X.

The same book, on the same page records King Henry III's Charter of exemplification of King Richard I's Charter already dealt with. No closer date than 11 Henry III is given to this which would accordingly fall on a day between 28 Oct. 1226 and 27 Oct. 1227, both days inclusive.

XI.

A Charter of King Henry III is preserved among your muniments, but neglect in the past has rendered it in some parts indistinct from the dampness which has attacked it. This was not in late years known to be in existence, but it is mentioned in a list of Charters in Vol. IV. of Reports of the Municipal Corporation Commission (p. 2345). The substance of parchment or vellum on which all documents of this nature are written is peculiarly subject to damage by moisture, which washes out of the skin the arsenical or saline preparations with which it has been imbued during the process of manufacture, and thus causes the unprotected material to perish. Here, again, the missing parts of the text can be supplied from the *Inspeximus* Charters of King Edward I in 1301, at page 22; and by Edward III in 1330, page 43, wherein its tenor is recited at full length, and its conditions, clauses, and concessions ratified. Its text follows in all important particulars that of the preceding Charter of King Richard I, but in many instances there are small variations from the actual phraseology used in that early Charter. A new provision is that of the erection or confirmation of a Merchant-Guild, or Society, to be constituted of the men of

¹ Lyon, Town Clerk, says three, and gives particulars in his List of the Charters.

the city and other merchants of the county, just as there was in the time of King Henry II, the King's grandfather. It also brings the merchant dwellers in the four wards into, and under ken of, the guilds, customs, and assizes of the city, as in Henry II's days; and, in accordance with the regulations contained in the Charters of Kings Henry II, Richard I, and John, the enfranchisement of the *nativus* or *nief* (the *adscriptus* who could not lawfully change his abiding-place without permission of his overlord), who has remained free in the city for a year and a day, is confirmed.

There is a long array of names of the Bishops, Earls, and other notables attesting this document, which goes a long way to prove that the King was attended with many staunch adherents in his Council. It was published by Ralph, Bishop of Chichester, the Lord High Chancellor, at Westminster, on the 20th April, in the eleventh year of the King's reign, or 1227, and a contemporary copy has been entered in the Charter Roll of 11 Henry III (part 1, membrane 8), which may be compared with the original text here exhibited. It has still appended to it the silken strings for the seal, and has been mounted on parchment.

The author of the *Civitas Lincolnia* here again, curiously enough, states that the King's signature was affixed to the Charter, which would seem to show that he could not have carefully examined the Charter which he was describing.

XII.

The author of the book mentioned speaks of a Charter of King Henry III, dated 1st March, in the thirty-ninth year of the reign, that is, 1255, which conferred on the citizens freedom from arrest in certain cases, in every part of the realm. This extended to the case of one who was surety for a debtor, provided the parties belonged to the corporation as freemen, and were able to prove that they had not been indifferent or negligent in the discharge of their debts. This Charter is not now known to be in existence, and no knowledge of its whereabouts can be ascertained; but it is difficult to think that one who took great pains to write much about Lincoln should have been in error in thus describing it.

XIII.

The next Charter which claims our attention in this series of the city's privileges is that of King Henry III, dated on the 7th March, in the forty-sixth year of his reign, corresponding to the year 1262. Here the Great Seal, in white wax, is very much broken and in a very

brittle state. It was, at some time about the end of the fifteenth century or in the sixteenth, enclosed in a silver frame, like that of the Charter of Henry II, and fastened up in several folds of paper, and the Charter mounted on another parchment. The document has been eaten away in places and has been injured by damp, which affected it before precautions for preservation were taken. It was not known to be in existence, according to Macray, until he found it among the other Records of the City.

In this Charter King Henry III, of which the text is given at page 14, inspected later at pages 24 and 45, declares that he has inspected the Woodstock Charter of his grandfather, King Henry II. The King confirms and repeats the concessions therein set out, and declares that the regulations relating to "foreign" merchants which were instituted during the reign of Kings Henry I, Henry II, his uncle Richard I, his father John, and his own, up to the time of his "first passage over the sea into Brittany" are to remain in force, under penalty of forfeiture of ten pounds: a large sum of money in those remote days, when a sheep could be purchased for a few pence. The author of *Civitas Lincolnia* speaks of a Charter of 30th March, 1262, granted by this King, but the date is apparently an error for that of this, which is the 7th March, because the same author omits notice of this, which he would hardly have failed to see. The text has been enrolled among the Patent Rolls of 46 Henry III, on membrane 14.

This had been, according to Macray¹, mounted on a parchment copy of a petition written in Norman-French by the citizens of "Nicole" (the Norman manner of writing and pronouncing the city's name) to the King (probably Edward IV) in Parliament, praying for relief from the fee-farm annual rent to the Crown of one hundred and eighty pounds, which had become insupportable. Many of the inhabitants of the city, it declares, have departed with all their goods; people will not trade there on account of the excessive charges; the highways as well as the lanes are empty and desolate for want of tenants; and the city is consequently on the verge of destruction. Of the aforesaid rent, eighty pounds had been granted by the King's royal progenitors to the cathedral church of Our Lady of Nicole, in three portions, viz. seventeen pounds for the work of the chapter, forty shillings in augmentation of the stipend of the [chaplain] chanting for the King and his forefathers, and sixty pounds to the chaplains of the chantry for the soul of Sir Bartholomew Burgherssh; and the Lady

¹ Hist. MSS. Comm. 14th Rept. Appx. part VIII. 1895, p. 5.

de Roos, that is to say, Beatrice, who was the wife of Sir Thomas de Roos, late lord of Hamelak, is seised for her life of the remaining part of the said rent, viz. one hundred pounds as her dower, it having been granted to the Lord de Roos and their heirs in exchange for the Castle of Werk. The citizens pray, therefore, for confirmation of all their privileges, and for relief in some way or other from this burden. There is a discrepancy in the figures, which only amount to one hundred and seventy-nine pounds instead of one hundred and eighty pounds. But it is not unusual to find errors of this character in statements of accounts. It will be seen, later on, what became of this one hundred and eighty pounds yearly due from the city to the Crown. This petition is no longer to be found among the Archives of the Corporation of Lincoln.

XIV.

The last Charter granted by King Henry III to the citizens of Lincoln is dated 12th February, in the fifty-sixth regnal year of the King, or A.D. 1272. This is on vellum, and fortunately has survived the vicissitudes of mediæval ages, and is now preserved among your city muniments. It has been mounted on parchment, and the broken Great Seal fastened up in a case of folds of paper, probably about the beginning of the sixteenth century. The existence of this original also was unknown, until Mr Macray rescued it from oblivion about ten years ago. The text is given at page 16, and it was inspected by later sovereigns at pages 25 and 46.

In this the King ordains that all the pleas of the city, and none other, from henceforth be heard and held in the plea-hall of the said city, called the Guildhall, and nowhere else against the will of the citizens, "except pleas of outer tenures and our moneyers and ministers." It is attested by the Archbishop of York and many other members of the King's Council, and was published at Westminster on the day above mentioned. The author of *Civitas Lincolnia* considers this Charter to be missing.

Before this time the Provost of the city disappears from mention in the annals, and the Mayor first occurs in the year 1210; and a *Custos* or Warden of City appears, about 1290, to have exercised functions somewhat like those the Mayor had used. But this did not last long, and the restoration of the office of Mayor took place in the year 1300.

The citizens of Lincoln, according to Merewether and Stephens, complaining of foreign merchants trading in neighbouring places to

the heart of the city, the Sheriff in 1274 is directed¹ to remedy this for the future as being a thing within his jurisdiction. That the privilege of exemption from suits of shires and hundreds was considered a valuable acquisition may be gathered from the memoranda of the Exchequer of 1293, where it is directed that ministers of the Exchequer should be exempt from suits of shires and hundreds so long as they applied themselves to the King's business. And in the succeeding year, the keepers and ministers of the market of Lincoln were declared exempt from talliages and watchings with other citizens.

Among the Records described by Macray as being in existence a few years ago, but now missing, occurs a document entitled "Provisions" for the government of the city, "on a vellum membrane," with the Great Seal mentioned in Ross's *Civitas Lincolnia* (pp. 12, 13). Many useful regulations relating to the Municipal Government of Lincoln were therein contained. There were to be a Mayor, and twelve "discreet" men to be magistrates, a "Ponderator," or Weigher, for weighing the staple commodities, four other "discreet" men to have custody of the profits arising from the city tolls, two constables for each parish; and other clauses—in all, a code of twenty-two articles of city government, written on vellum in a fine large hand. It is very unfortunate that this valuable document, which was evidently for a time the governing Charter of the city, and contained rules drawn up by the city authorities, and not by the King, is no longer to be found among the Lincoln Records. No. 6, which refers to the wool dues of Lyndeseye, Kesteven and the Clay (or Holland?), is an entirely different document.

XV.

On the 25th February, in his twenty-ninth regnal year, which is correspondent to 1301, King Edward I sanctioned at Lincoln a Charter of Inspeximus or ratification, reciting and confirming all the preceding Charters to your city. Of these there are two copies, one in perfect condition, the other much mutilated and injured by damp. The text is given here at page 18, and it was inspected by King Edward III in 1330, at page 39. The latter was contained in a small black box. The Great Seals of both are enclosed in folds of paper, which consist partly of fragments of the sixteenth century Records of the City Court. It was published at Lincoln. Ross, in his *Civitas Lincolnia*, says "it received the Royal signature (!) at the Bishop's Palace at Nettleham, where the King was then hospitating"; but it was contrary to the custom of the period for the King to give any

¹ Mem. Scacc. Hil. T. 2 Edw. I, ff. 2, 3.

signature to a Charter of this nature. Indeed, it is very doubtful if the King could write his own name. The earliest royal autograph known is that of King Richard II in 1397; in the British Museum Cottonian MS. *Vespasian F. III. fol. 3*, exhibited in a show case: "Le Roy RS."; and the earliest royal writing is in the same MS. *fol. 4*, similarly exhibited: "H. R. nous prions penser de la mer," written by King Henry IV about the year 1406, with evident hesitation and difficulty.

The Charters which are hereby inspected and ratified are four of King Henry II, viz.:—

(1) That relating to the Norrenses, or *Norwegians* (not the *Northern Merchants*, as explained by the author of *Civitas Lincolnia*), coming to Grimsby. (No. III in this series.)

It is much to be deplored that this interesting Charter, recording the traffic in merchandise between Norway and England, is no longer extant; but we must congratulate ourselves that the text is not lost, thanks to the system of introducing it fully into the body of the confirmatory Charter.

(2) The second Charter given at Woodstock is that relating to the foreign merchants who are to come to Lincoln and there carry out their business, so that the Provosts do not lose the King's customs. It is inspected at page 19.

(3) The third Charter by Henry II, thus ratified by Edward I, declares that no merchant who is a foreigner and outsider may be resident in Lincoln for the purpose of dyeing his cloths, or selling them by tale, except those only who are members of the Guild and subject to the customs of the town, and who pay their royal geld or taxes as they were accustomed hitherto to do. This Charter has already been referred to under the reign of Henry II. There is no date of day or year, and no place of publication recorded in the exemplification. (No. V in this series.)

(4) The fourth Charter of Henry II, which has also been already mentioned, enjoins that all those who live by trade and practice the profession of merchants within the four divisions or wards of the city, are to pay, in common with the King's citizens of Lincoln, the royal geld or taxes, and be subject to the city assizes, as they were used so to do and be in the time of King Henry I, and as they ought in justice to do in whose ever land they might dwell. (No. IV of this series.)

This Charter was promulgated at Nottingham, but no date either of day or year has been mentioned in the exemplification which preserves the text of its concessions.

King Edward continues his Charter by inspecting that of Richard I 23 April 1194, already mentioned; and three of Henry III dated respectively 20 April 1227, 7 March 1262, and 12 February 1272; of all of which notice has already been made in their chronological places.

To the confirmation of these eight Charters of his predecessors the following clauses are added by the King:—That non-user of any of the privileges hitherto granted is not to prevent their use and enjoyment henceforth:—That the citizens are to be free of murage or tax for keeping up the walls, pavage or paving¹ (not *passage*, as Macray has it), pontage or bridge maintenance, wharfage, stallage, and terrage, or dues on crops. Of all these taxes, that relating to the maintenance of bridges is the most interesting. It was of very remote antiquity, and occurs in royal grants¹ of six hundred years previously, forming one of the three imperial taxes from which no one was then exempt, because they were of vital importance to the integrity of the kingdom and immunity from hostile invasion. These three, from their universal incidence, were called the *trinoda necessitas*—the maintenance of the *army*, the upkeep of the *bridges*, and the secure condition of the *castles and strongholds*; three vitally necessary things which may never be neglected, let who will be called on to defray the expenses connected with their efficiency. A long array of names, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, bishops, nobles and dignitaries, attest this important State document.

XVI.

The author of the book to which reference has been made several times already, notices a Charter of King Edward II which received the King's so-called signature (!) on 15th June, 1316, in return for a payment by the citizens of the sum of two hundred pounds. It is no longer in existence as an original document. Among the privileges it contained, as may be read in the *Inspeximus* by King Edward III, 1327, included in *Inspeximus* of 1330, at page 38 and the transcript among the Patent Rolls, after inspecting and reciting several Charters of which some account has been made, all former grants were confirmed; non-user not to be a bar to possession of privileges; taxes on wool and other commodities were ratified to the citizens; vacant lands conferred on the mayor, bailiffs, and other authorities, save the rights of the Cathedral Church, and of the free tenants; and the streets were not to be unduly narrowed by exercise of the grants. Macray

¹ See W. de Gray Birch, *Cartularium Saxonicum*, 3 vols. 4°, passim.

mentions¹ a Charter, dated 6th December, 1318, published at York, which is a confirmation of a licence by King Edward I to the Dean and Chapter, to enclose the precinct of the Cathedral Church with walls and gates, and to crenellate—that is, to make battlements—on account of the nocturnal inroads of thieves and other evil-doers, causing frequent manslaughter, etc.; with the addition of licence to raise the walls twelve feet higher, and to make as many turrets as they please. This is known as an office copy from the Public Records, made by George Holmes and attested by W. Harvey, 24th February, 1704, and was seen and calendared by Macray in his Report of 1895, p. 8, but is no longer to be found among your records. It is not, strictly speaking, a city Charter, but throws a curious light on the manners and customs of the denizens of the city in the early years of the fourteenth century.

Macray describes another office copy from the Public Records, made by the said Geo. Holmes and attested by W. Harvey, on the 24th February, 1704, of a writ *ad quod dampnum* from King Edward III, at Leicester, 5th December, 1327, directed to Walter de Friskeney and Robert de Malberthorp, upon an application from the Dean and Chapter, for “a grant of the wall of the bailey and a part of the city wall, which are ruinous, that they may repair and crenellate them, and use them for part of the enclose of the precinct.” This document evidently relates to the same subject as that dealt with by the preceding Charter, and is equally interesting and instructive, but it is not a city Charter.

XVII.

Mention may be appropriately made here of a document which, although not, strictly speaking, a Royal Charter, is closely connected with the King. It is a vellum document, dated² 1st May, 1326, consisting of Provisions by Edward II in Norman-French, for the staple of wool, leather, and skins in England, Ireland, and Wales. Part of the lower margin of the parchment has been cut, and the Great Seal, which is fastened up in folds of paper, is much broken. The text printed at page 28 with an English translation declares that the King firmly enjoins the authorities of his City of Nicole that the ensuing

¹ Report, l. c., p. 8.

² The date has been mistaken in some cases for 1 May, 19 Edw. I, *i.e.* 1291, but this king was at Alnwick in Northumberland on that day. Edward II was at Kenilworth, from which place this Charter is dated, on 1 May, 19 Edw. II, 1326. See A. Hartshorne's *Itineraries* in *Collectanea Archaeologica* of the British Archaeological Association, and H. Gough, *Itinerary of Edward I*, 1900, Vol. II. p. 81.

ordinances made by him and his Council for the common profit and relief of the people of all his realm are to be publicly proclaimed and kept. The places assigned for the staple in England are Newcastle-upon-Tyne, York, Lincoln, Norwich, London, Winchester, Exeter, and Bristol; in Ireland, Dublin, Drogheda, and Cork; in Wales, Shrewsbury, Carmarthen, and Cardiff; in Cornwall, Lostwithiel and Trewrewe [Truro]; and for Devonshire, Aysperton [Ashburton]. Then follow eleven sections of trade regulations for alien merchants, and for those of England, Ireland, and Wales; amongst which are provisions that the merchants and people of Gascony and the duchy of Guienne, who are under the obedience of the King or his son, are not to be regarded as aliens but as denizens; that after Christmas next no person shall use any cloth bought after that date which was not made in England, Ireland, or Wales, under pain of forfeiture, and such punishment as the King and his Council may ordain, except the King and Queen, earls, barons, knights, their wives and children, archbishops, bishops, and other persons of holy Church, and such persons as can spend forty pounds yearly of rents. Cloths may be made of any length desired. The King promises to grant valuable franchises to fullers, tailors or cutters, dyers, and others who worked in cloths at the time of granting these royal provisions, and permits the wool merchants to have a Mayor for the abovesaid staple. No one is to molest strangers in coming or going; otherwise, the town which they had visited is to be answerable for damages and for the capture of the malefactors.

These provisions were promulgated at Kenilworth on the day above mentioned, in the nineteenth year of the King's reign. This document appears to have escaped the notice of some of those who have written on the Lincoln archives.

XVIII.

To this period belongs a Norman-French document entitled "*Constitutiones Civitatis Lincolnie*," without expressed date, printed at page 34 with an English translation. This is referred to by Macray as probably of the time of Edward II, and described as Regulations made by the City of Lincoln for the wool trade; very clearly written on a parchment to which the Seal of the City was once attached, but of which seal only long green silk cords with tassels now remain as the tokens. The regulations are very precise and minute; they are to be read publicly twice yearly, on the day of Holy Innocents and that of St Augustine, so that no one may pretend ignorance thereof.

XIX.

The long reign of King Edward III contributes several royal documents to the extensive series of Lincoln Charters.

The first Charter of this King cannot now be found among the original documents among the Lincoln Muniments. It was dated at Nottingham, 7 October, 1327. Its text is given at page 38 where the whole is inspected by the King in his second Charter, 1330, at the same page.

An office copy was made in 1878, from a document in the Public Record Office, and is preserved among your records. There is an *Inspeximus* by King Edward III, 22nd February, 1330, of the above-mentioned *Inspeximus*, reciting the *Inspeximus* of King Edward II, of 15th June, 1316, and adding further privileges. The Great Seal was sewn up in folds of paper, being fragments of a court-book of the city, probably of the time of James I. The first Charter herein confirmed in the Charter of Edward II is one of Henry II. The Charter of Edward II confirmed to the city the wool-tolls, and granted assize of bread and beer, and of weights and measures; and also granted the vacant and waste places belonging to the King in the city and suburbs, saving the rights of the cathedral, and prohibiting the narrowing of the streets, as already mentioned under the reign of King Edward II.

To this Charter of King Edward II that of King Edward III in 1327, which is now known to be in the Record Office, added that an inquisition having been held upon his command by Walter de Friskeneye, Robert de Malberthorpe, and Peter de Lodyngtone, in the presence of Thomas de Newmarket, lately sheriff of Lincoln, and returned into the Chancery, respecting the privileges used by the mayor and citizens, all these are now confirmed, including markets on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday in each week, and a yearly fair extending from the feast of St Botulph (17th June) to that of SS. Peter and Paul (29th June), increased by addition of thirteen days at the close, "unless that addition be to the hurt of adjacent fairs"; also the profit of the buildings which they have erected on the city wall across from Neuland Gate to the manse or house of the Minorite Friars, in divers places near Walkergate and Soper-lane, with power to erect additional buildings; with criminal jurisdiction, authority for maintenance of the peace, etc.; that, as hitherto, a Burghmanmot be held weekly in the Guildhall by the mayor and bailiffs for the hearing of all local pleas. Of the annual rent to the Crown of one hundred and eighty pounds, forty pounds are to be paid at Easter, and one hundred and forty at Michaelmas at the Exchequer.

XX.

The second Charter of King Edward III, dated 22 February, 1330, printed at page 38 is an *Inspeximus* of No. XIX, and adds that, whereas the judges of assize have, as the mayor and citizens allege, frequently summoned to their courts pleas of assize concerning tenements in the city, because such pleas were not specifically mentioned, therefore these as well as all others are now exclusively reserved to the Burghmanmoot. The witnesses include the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of Ely and Lincoln, and others. It was published at Windsor 22 Feb. 1330. This was inspected by King Richard II in 1378, on page 68 and by King Henry IV in 1409, at page 74. This Charter was not known to be in existence until Macray included a description in his Report.

XXI.

The Collection of City Archives rejoices in the possession of an exemplification of Edward III, at the request of the mayor, bailiffs, and citizens of Lincoln, of the record of a case tried before Martin de Littlebury and his companions, justices itinerant in Lincolnshire, on the morrow of the first Sunday after Easter, 47 Henry III (1263). Macray, describing the circumstances, finds that Peter of Savoy had claimed five hundred pounds damages from the City of Lincoln, because they had exacted market-tolls for twelve years from the men of his honour of Richmond, whereas all those men were exempt. The city replied that while King Henry I held the city *in his own hands* he exacted the same tolls of every one; and that when he gave the citizens seisin of the city at the annual rent of one hundred and eighty pounds, he gave it with all the rights and privileges then used. The complainant replies that the right of taking tolls of his men could not have been among the rights thus conveyed, because the honour of Richmond had been free from the time of the Conquest. Finally, the parties agreed that the men of Richmond should be free of toll for all things born, fed, or grown within the limits of the honour, but should pay the same toll as others for any thing they may bring not thus exempted, and that for every ship coming with "*helmeroother*" they shall pay twopence; and for every ship with "*handeroother*" one penny; this applying only to ships carrying merchandise first bought from others and then exposed to sale. The Great Seal is fastened up in paper. The customary tolls levied at Lincoln are found from this record to have been these: for every horse bought or sold one penny,

for every ox one half-penny, for every cart two pence, for a ship four pence, for twenty-four two-year-old sheep one penny, and for every quarter of corn one penny. The date is 28th January, 1361. It is printed at page 62, and was inspected (XXII) by Richard II in 1380 at page 70.

This, though a royal document, only indirectly concerns the government of the city, and was evidently exemplified for the mayor and other city authorities to serve as a useful precedent when occasion required.

Merewether and Stephens put on record¹ that during the reign of Edward III the mayor and commonalty of Lincoln brought a writ of covenant against the mayor, bailiff, and commonalty of the town of Derby, wherein the plaintiffs shewed a special deed passed by the predecessors of the mayor and the bailiff of Derby to the mayor and the commonalty of Lincoln, which declared that the latter mayor and commonalty should be quit of murage, pontage, custom and toll in the town of Derby, of all merchandise of all those of the town of Lincoln, and of all those who have goods in all places of the town or within the bounds of Lincoln; and they alleged that certain burgesses of the town of Derby had taken toll and custom of certain burgesses of the town of Lincoln in wrong against their covenant and to their damage.

The defence declared that this action was founded on an especial deed made by the predecessors of the one party and the predecessors also of the other, and that the writ was general. After arguments of both sides, the defendants stated that King Henry, progenitor of the King, gave the town by his Charter to the mayor and commonalty of Derby to hold in fee-farm to them and their successors, rendering therefor forty marks yearly, which proves that the town could not be charged or discharged without the King, whereupon the defendants demanded judgment and prayed aid of the King. The answer of the plaintiffs was, that the charge was made by their own deed, under the King's Charter, in which case aid is not grantable in discharge of their own covenant, which is defeasible without the King. Therefore they prayed judgment whether they ought to have aid; and it was held that aid was not grantable.

The same authors have also shown² that in the year 1370, two citizens of the town of Nichol, *i.e.* Lincoln, bring a writ of trespass in the King's Bench against William Wild, bailiff of the town of Lynne, complaining that whereas the town and citizens of Nichol by Charter of the King and his progenitors were quit of toll in every city and town of England, yet the bailiff had taken certain of their goods and chattels

¹ l. c. p. 694.

² *ib.*, p. 696.

for toll. In answer to which it is pleaded that they held the town at lease in fee-farm of the King by Charter, rendering to the King one hundred marks a year, and they pay aid of the King.

Others of the sadly too many missing records, which demonstrate the gradual transition of the state of Lincoln from being a mere collection of houses and people grouped in a cluster around the Cathedral and Castle, and along the shores of the River Witham: first, into a well-ordered royal city, and subsequently into a corporation possessed of very wide powers of self-government, is that of the Letters Patent of King Edward III, exemplifying a judgment given in favour of the privileges of the city in a suit with the Abbot of Topholme in 1340, and an *Inquisitio post-mortem* on the death of Henry Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, in 1311. The date of these Letters Patent is given as 23rd April, 1377, and the King's Great Seal was, as usual, attached to the document. But both Charter and Seal have alike disappeared. The author of *Civitas Lincolnia* says that this document recites the *Domesday Book* account of the city; contains a record of the suit at Westminster by the said abbot against a certain Hugh Makerel of Leadenham, near Lincoln, who held a tenement within this city by performance of sundry expressed services due to the abbey, which he failed to perform. The suit was taken to the Westminster Law Courts, contrary to the custom and privileges of the city, whereupon the city bailiff went to Westminster to appeal; and this appeal being successful, the case was carried back to Lincoln, and these Letters Patent obtained in order to prevent any future occurrence of the violation of the city's rights to hear and determine its own suits in its own courts.

In like manner, the *Inquisitio post-mortem* on the death of Henry Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, is herein recited at length, sixty-six years after the demise of the Earl, with a view to indicate the exact position that the Constable of the Castle held towards the authorities of the city, so as to avoid any clashing of vital interests, or encroachments upon each other's rights and privileges. Ross says that this Charter was beautifully written and in good preservation, which makes us deplore still more deeply its disappearance.

The same writer points out, that the citizens possessed certain other royal grants and privileges relating to the wool-staple conferred by Edward III, but no longer extant when he was compiling his notices of the Charters. But Macray is silent regarding them, and it is to be feared that they too have disappeared from among the archives of the city.

XXIII.

In the Corporation muniment room, however, there is preserved an *Inspeximus* Charter of King Richard II, reciting and confirming a previous Charter of King Edward III, and adding the clause, found also in some Charters, that the non-use hitherto of any of the privileges granted in them shall not involve their loss. This saving clause is frequently introduced into later Charters, but this is an early instance of legal foresight.

Among the witnesses are the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of London and of St David's, and many prominent nobles, whose names figure in the chronicles of the time. It is dated at Westminster on 16th March, in the first regnal year of the King, that is, 1378; and is practically a confirmation of all previous privileges, and appropriately granted to the citizens of Lincoln by the new Sovereign very shortly after his accession to the throne. The author of *Civitas Lincolnia* was unable to see this Charter, and wrote in 1870 that it was not to be found, but he was aware of a transcript to be found among the Patent Rolls. Macray, however, twenty-five years later, was so fortunate as to find it among the Records of the City, where it now reposes in safety. The Great Seal was fastened within folds of paper cut from the Records of the City Court, as in preceding cases; it has now been repaired.

This fine Charter contains the recital in full of so many Charters—thirteen in all—of previous Kings, that in itself it is an epitome of the royal privileges of the city up to the time of its issue. Now that it has been printed, not only the historians of the county and city, but of the whole of England have a benefit conferred on them; for the publication of such a record hitherto unpublished is as important to a chronicler as the discovery of a new plant to a botanist, or a new star to an astronomer.

The arrangement of the text of this remarkable document is very intricate, and the following scheme serves to elucidate its contents :

1	xxiii	Richard II, 16 March, 1378, inspects :—	page 68
2	xx	Edward III's charter, 22 February, 1330, which inspects :—	page 38
3	xix	Edward III's charter, 7 October, 1327, which inspects :—	page 38
4	xvi	Edward II's charter, 15 June, 1316, which inspects :—	page 38
5	vi	Henry II's Stamford charter	page 39
6	xv	Edward I's charter, 25 February, 1301, which inspects :—	page 39
7	iii	Henry II's Worcester charter	page 40
8	i	Henry II's Woodstock charter	page 40
9	v	Henry II's Dyers' charter	page 41
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10	ii	^a Henry II's Nottingham charter	page 41
11	vii	Richard I's charter, 23 April, 1194	page 42
12	xi	Henry III's charter, 20 April, 1227	page 43
13	xiii	Henry III's charter, 7 March, 1262, which inspects :—	page 45
14	i	Henry II's Woodstock charter	page 45
15	xiv	Henry III's charter, 12 February, 1272	page 46

XXIV.

The next document in point of date of which notice must be made, was extant, curiously enough, in 1870, but missing in 1895. It was a finely-written Charter, and had the Great Seal in a somewhat imperfect condition still appended to it when Ross examined it, but Macray enters it on his list of missing Charters. It is described, somewhat vaguely, as being Letters Patent of King Richard II, exemplifying a judgment in a suit at Westminster respecting property in the city. The author of *Civitas Lincolnia* gives a lengthy account of it. The case turned upon the alleged right of a grantee of a messuage in Lincoln to plead infancy against his own grant, whereas the opposing party alleged the custom of the city for a citizen aged fifteen years to be enabled to sell or demise his own realty. The case was carried to Westminster, in contravention of the liberty of the city, but eventually was carried back and decided at Lincoln; and this exemplification was issued in confirmation of the position taken up by the city in defence of its privileges. The date is at Westminster, 10th May, 1379.

XXV.

Another valuable Charter still extant amongst the City Records is the *Inspeximus* by King Richard II of the exemplification by King Edward III of the record of the case between Peter of Savoy and the city, which has already been dealt with under the year 1361. It is dated at Westminster, 18th April, in the King's third year, that is, 1380. No mention is made of this document by Ross, in 1870, so we may assume that it had not been available for examination at the time of his work. The Great Seal, still remaining here, in green wax, is nearly perfect, but the impression is poor. It is appended to the Charter by strands of red and green silk.

XXVI.

There was, in Macray's time (1895), a seventeenth-century copy¹ of an *Inspeximus* by King Richard II, of an indenture of agreement between the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln on the one part, and the

¹ Report, p. 10.

Mayor and citizens on the other part, upon a decree and award made by John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, as to the exemption of the Cathedral Close from all civil jurisdiction, and of a release made here-upon by the city; both dated 12th June, 1390, written in Norman-French. The date is 17th October, 1390. It was known to Macray, but unknown to the author of *Civitas Lincolnia*. It is to be regretted that it no longer finds a place among the Records of the City.

XXVII.

The Royal Charter of King Henry IV is one of the most important of the series, and fortunately it is still preserved among the most valuable possessions of the city. This yet retains the impression of the Great Seal, although not now quite perfect, which was originally appended to it. The Charter which is printed at page 74 and inspected by King Henry V in 1414 at page 88 recites and confirms the *Inspeximus* of King Richard II in 1378, and adds additional privileges. The mayor and other officers of the city were to have no jurisdiction, not make intromission of any kind, within the Cathedral or Close, but the Dean and Chapter, and their successors, were to enjoy all their landed property, liberties, franchises, and customs uninjured. Also, the recent convention between the Dean and Chapter on the one part, and the Mayor and Community on the other, which had been decided by the King's late father, John, commonly called "of Gaunt," was to continue and inure for all time to come; saving also to Henry de Beaumont Lord of Folkyngham and his heirs all the liberties and franchises within the city and precincts appertaining to his manor there, intact as in past times. This manor afterwards in this series of Charters becomes known as *Bemon Fee*. The witnesses include the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the Bishops of London, Durham, and Bath and Wells, and a large number of court councillors and officers.

The document is dated at Westminster, on the 21st November, in the eleventh regnal year of the King, which corresponds with 1409.

Here, again, it is very remarkable that, in the description of the City Charters in 1870, it is stated that this Charter has been described from the transcript among the Patent Rolls, and that "the original, formerly among the ancient records of the corporation, is not now to be met with"; whereas, in the Report of Mr Macray in 1895, it has again come to light. The interesting points in this document are that the authorities of the city, following the precedent of other reigns, had petitioned Henry IV, very soon after his accession in 1399, to ratify

and confirm these ancient privileges; and in the preamble it is set forth that the King had been informed that the removal of the wool-staple had resulted in so serious an impoverishment of the city, that it would be impossible for the citizens to pay the annual fee-farm rent of one hundred and eighty pounds; and the extensive removal and desertion of the inhabitants could but result in the utter ruin of the city. The King promised assistance, and herein, ten years after petition made, the somewhat belated remedy was promulgated and rendered, by allowing the city, *i.e.* the mayor and community, to elect two sheriffs from among themselves instead of two bailiffs; making the mayor the King's escheator; permitting the mayor and sheriffs, after having been sworn, to have power to execute all offices formerly belonging to the escheator and county sheriffs within the city and suburbs; the sheriffs to hold county court every six weeks, in the former manner; the same to have the profits of these courts, and render account by attorney into the King's exchequer every year; the mayor, sheriffs, and four discreet men of the city, for the purpose elected, to be justices of the peace, and to have full power to hear and determine, correct and punish all complaints arising within the city; the mayor, sheriffs, and community to have the chattels of outlaws, felons, and fugitives, fines for all trespasses and amerciements and forfeitures; a yearly fair was to be held, beginning fifteen days before the feast of the deposition of St Hugh¹, and continuing for fifteen days after—think of a fair lasting thirty-one days now!—and the receipt of six pounds yearly, hitherto due from the weavers of Lincoln to the Crown in aid of the payment of this intolerable burden of one hundred and eighty pounds yearly fee-farm rent. The City of Lincoln was now to be called the "County of the City of Lincoln," which is really a corollary depending upon, or arising out of, the plenary local powers above mentioned as conferred on the sheriffs; and other minor concessions were contained in this truly liberal Charter. From this date a new phase arises in the history of Lincoln: the power of expansion which it had before lacked was acquired; local self-government was assured and encouraged; the weight of royal taxation was lessened; the long-lasting fair attracted merchandise and trades; manufacture and commercial enterprises were stimulated and fostered; and the

¹ There is some ambiguity as to this feast's date. St Hugh, bishop and Confessor, is celebrated in the ancient Church of England on 9 August. His translation is dated 7 October, but 6 October in British Museum Arundel MS. 155. The feast of St Hugh, the boy martyr, of Lincoln, is on 29 June, and it seems more probable that this is the date intended in the Charter.

County of the City—a term pregnant with real meaning which it has ever since enjoyed—started, as it was devoutly hoped, on a course of prosperity ; although, as we shall find later on, much of this expected benefit was found to be disappointingly delusive.

Merewether and Stephens, looking at this charter from the point of view of legal privileges, consider it to be of great importance, that “King Henry IV in the eleventh year of his reign granted¹ a charter to Lincoln confirming by *Inspeximus* the charters by Henry III, Edward I, Edward II, and Richard II ; and fixing the fee-farm. He also granted the city and precincts, with the exception of the Castle, to the mayor and citizens and directed that the city, its suburbs and precincts should from thenceforth be called ‘The County of the City of Lincoln,’—that they should have view of frank-pledge, and power to elect two sheriffs, the former name of the bailiffs being expressly directed to be translated into that of sheriffs—that the Mayor should be the Escheator, and the Mayor, Sheriffs, and four of the citizens should be justices of the peace, and that the citizens should enjoy all their former liberties. This charter is not one of incorporation, although that term is applied to the place in a statute in the next reign in which, however, the term is used in its primitive local meaning.”

The same authorities record that in the year 1400 a fine was imposed upon a person because, being elected Mayor of Lincoln he refused to go to the Guildhall to take upon himself the office².

XXVIII.

King Henry V inspected this great Charter of liberties very early in his reign, by Charter of *Inspeximus* promulgated at Westminster on 15th December, in his second regnal year, or 1414. It is printed at page 88, and was inspected in 1424 by King Henry VI, at page 93. The witnesses include the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Winchester, the King’s uncle and chancellor, the Bishop of Norwich, Thomas, Duke of Clarence, John, Duke of Bedford, Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, his brothers ; Edward, Duke of York, Thomas, Earl of Arundel, treasurer ; Richard, Earl of Warwick, and other councillors and royal officers of State. The Great Seal still remains on this Charter, which is preserved in the muniment chamber, although not quite perfect. Ross, in his *Civitas Lincolnia*, states that it was signed by the King ; but, as I have already said of an earlier but mythical royal signature, we can only accept this as a *façon de parler*, which is not strictly accurate.

¹ l. c. p. 793.

² *ib.* p. 804.

XXIX.

Attached to this Charter is a writ of King Henry VI commanding the Justices of the Peace of Assise, within the County of Lincoln, to allow the mayor and citizens of the city to enjoy without interruption all the privileges granted to them in this Charter, with regard to the trial of causes formerly granted to the mayor and bailiffs. It is dated at Dogmersfield, co. Southampton, the 25th of July, in the seventeenth regnal year of the King Henry VI, *i.e.* 1439.

XXX.

In similar manner, King Henry VI, shortly after his accession, following the precedent of former Kings, inspected—no doubt at the petition and costs of the city authorities—the Inspeximus Charter of King Henry V, just above described. It is printed at page 93, and was inspected in 1466, by King Edward IV at page 107 and in 1499 by King Henry VII at page 157. Part of the Great Seal in green wax remains. No additional privileges are contained in these Inspeximus Charters of Kings Henry V and VI. The infant King, scarcely of the age of three years, is formally stated to have approved of all the grants and concessions hitherto made by his royal predecessors to the citizens, which had by him been duly inspected; and he therefore confirmed the same with assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in the Parliament then assembled at Westminster, on the 24th January (not 20th January as in *Civitas Lincolnia*), in the second year of his reign, which corresponds to 1424.

XXXI.

Preserved among the Royal Charters in the muniment room there is also a vellum record copy of the Statutes of the Realm, made at Westminster, 30th April, in King Henry VI's third year, or 1425, and at Leicester on the 18th February, in the King's fourth year, or 1426. These statutes have no especial concern with Lincoln, but their presence here, in fair copy on parchment, illustrates the customary practice of sending out copies of new laws and statutes to important centres of the life of the kingdom for reference and obedience. This was the only way, previous to the introduction of printing, whereby the King's new laws could be brought to the notice of his people. It was but a continuation of that system which had been kept for upwards of two hundred years; and it is to this valuable custom that we owe to-day the preservation of a very fine contemporary transcript of the Magna Charta of English liberties, in possession of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln.

XXXII.

On the 6th September, 1438, Letters Patent from King Henry VI were issued to the city, and enrolled (somewhat carelessly and inaccurately) in the "White Book," or Corporation Record, on Sunday, the feast of the Exaltation of Holy Cross, the 14th September, 1438, Sunday being no hindrance to the business of the city in those times. By these Letters Patent, here printed at page 95, it is strictly enjoined that in future only the more influential, discreet, and worthy persons shall be elected to the honourable office of Mayor.

In the following year, the royal writ from Dogmersfield, to which attention has already been directed, was issued.

The "White Book," the earliest Book of the Records and Proceedings of the City of Lincoln, also contains transcripts¹ of Letters Patent of King Henry VI, dated 21st February, 1441, and Royal Warrant, 26th February of the same year, wherein permission is accorded to the mayor and citizens of Lincoln to export to Calais (one of the wool-staple towns) annually, for the space of three years, sixty sacks of wool, free of the tax on wool recently imposed for a subsidy by the Parliament. This is followed by an extract from the Memoranda of the Exchequer, of the exoneration of the collectors of the customs of Kingston-upon-Hull (in which circuit Lincoln then was included), from the amount which they would otherwise have been required to account for in regard to the wool thus exported. This proceeding evidently arises from the King's desire to alleviate the burden of taxation complained of so bitterly by the citizens, according to the preamble of the foregoing Charter of King Henry IV.

XXXIII.

The city's muniments—or such portion of them as have survived the vicissitudes of all-devouring time—include also a licence from King Henry VI to the mayor and citizens, to acquire lands, tenements, and rents to the value of one hundred and twenty pounds yearly, and exonerating them from all payment of tenths and fifteenths for the period of forty years. This is granted on the petition of John Ratheby, or Raithby, mayor, and the citizens; setting forth that, whereas they are bound to an annual payment of one hundred and eighty pounds, and have also to pay, at every time of levying a fifteenth and tenth, one hundred pounds, they are so depauperised by

¹ Folios 11b and 12.

the withdrawal of merchants, and by a great pestilence which has continued there for a long time, and other worldly misfortunes, that scarcely two hundred citizens remain in the city, and not one of them can bear the burden of the annual payment: notwithstanding that the King, by authority of Parliament, has relieved them from some part of the payment of the tenths and fifteenths.

It was promulgated by royal authority, and is dated on 13th March, 1447. The Great Seal still remains in a broken condition, appended to the original document. The text is printed at page 98. It was inspected in 1463 by King Edward IV at page 105.

On the point of incorporation, further light is thrown by this record, whereby we find that the Mayor and all the Commonalty of the City of Lincoln pray King Henry VI to grant them licence, by his Letters Patent, that they may be able to purchase lands, tenements, and rents, and to have and to hold them for themselves and their successors for ever¹. And licence is granted by this document to the mayor and commonalty of the City of Lincoln to hold lands to the extent of one hundred and twenty pounds yearly to themselves and their successors. This appears to corroborate strongly the assertion of Merewether and Stephens² that Lincoln was not at that time incorporated, for had it been this licence would have been unnecessary. It therefore establishes that the term used in the statute of Henry V was applied in its primitive sense of actual local incorporation and not as descriptive of a body corporate or politic.

XXXIV.

There is also preserved among archives of the Corporation a licence by King Henry VI, in pursuance of his licence in 1447 for acquisition of lands in mortmain, to John Markham, justice, William Stanlowe and Joan his wife, and many other inhabitants of Lincoln, to convey to the mayor and citizens of Lincoln the manor of Canwyk, with two shillings of rent in Braunstone; and also to William and Joan Stanlowe, John Berkestone, chaplain, and Thomas Folkyngham, to convey one messuage, four tofts, ninety acres of land, sixteen of meadow, and one hundred of pasture in Canwyk, which belonged to the late Alexander Hervy, and are held of the Crown in chief; of which, by an inquisition taken before William Grymesby, late escheator, the manor and rent extend to twenty shillings, and the rest to thirteen shillings and four pence, as part of the value of one hundred and twenty pounds licensed

¹ Pet. Parl. 10 Hen. VI, n. 9, p. 417.

² *ib.* p. 894.

to be so obtained. The author of *Civitas Lincolnia* does not mention this document, which relates to probably the oldest instance of acquiring real property by this Corporation.

The Charter is dated 24th November, the 35th year, or 1456. It is printed here at page 102.

XXXV.

Mr Macray refers, in his often-mentioned Report of 1895, to a lost document described by the author already quoted as being Letters Patent of King Edward IV, acquitting the city from payment of part of the fee-farm rent to the Crown, "on one large membrane." It was dated on 29th August, 1463, and had the Great Seal in dark green wax, somewhat injured, still appended to it. The text is now to be found at page 157, where the Charter was inspected by King Henry VII on 8th July, 1499, whose Charter of this year was in turn inspected by King Henry VIII in 1515. Herein is set forth, almost in stereotyped terms, the decaying state of the city, like to be utterly desolate and ruined unless aided with royal relief. "By his letters patent," we are told, "the first dated 17th January, 1462, and the second, 29th August, 1463, the former to William Pymberton, and the latter to James Wytton, then mayors¹, and to the community, the King remitted one hundred pounds out of the one hundred and eighty pounds fee-farm rent, and re-granted the power of acquiring lands and tenements already granted by King Henry VI." Ross says the property acquired in 1447 was the manor of Ingham, in the parish of Coates, leased to Robert Burton², from which he had been ejected by William, Lord Tailboys, the tenant *in capite*, a Lancastrian, and representative of the Barony of Kyme, of which the manor was a part. This lord was attainted, and suffered on the scaffold in 1461, and his lands were forfeited to the Crown. By this forfeiture it was that the King had been enabled to re-grant the property to the Lincoln Corporation; which body, however, did not enjoy it after 1472, when the reversal of the attainder was followed by the restitution of his lands to his family. On a similar political event depended the continuance of the reduction of the fee-farm rent by one hundred pounds. This one hundred pounds

¹ These names do not agree with the List of Mayors in *Forgotten Lincoln*, 2nd Edition, p. 108, where we find Mayors James Wilton in 1462, and Thomas Hornsey in 1463. William Pymberton was Mayor from Michaelmas, 1461-2; James Wytton, 1462-3, according to the White Book; Thomas Hornsey, 1463-4, according to a List of Mayors in the Cathedral muniment room.

² Edward Burton, 1445, Mayor, *Forgotten Lincoln*, p. 108.

had been granted out of the city rents to the Lords de Roos, in exchange for the Castle of Werk, in Cumberland, then required by military necessity for service of the King's expeditions against the Scots. Thomas, Lord de Roos, forfeited his estate in 1461 likewise, and the Yorkist King was not slow to confer on the impoverished corporation the benefit of one hundred pounds reduction of fee-farm. But fortune's wheel turned round, and here again the reversal of the forfeiture of the Roos estate brought about the fresh demand of the one hundred pounds yearly from the corporation, who were compelled to resume payment thereof, and seek other means of relief for their unsatisfactory financial condition.

XXXVI.

In the muniment room there also is preserved an original *Inspeximus* by King Edward IV of the royal licence issued by King Henry VI in 1447. In this Charter Henry VI is styled "*nuper de facto et non de jure*," late King of England, in fact, but not lawfully—a phrase constantly found in the Royal Charters of Edward IV. A copy is enrolled among the Memoranda of the Exchequer. It was promulgated at Dancastre, or Doncaster, and is dated on 11th December in the King's third regnal year, that is 1463. It still has appended to it a good impression of the King's Great Seal, in white wax, imperfect in some places. The text is printed here at page 105.

XXXVII.

King Edward IV gave to the ancient Royal City of Lincoln a very valuable Charter, in which, after reciting and confirming the Charter of King Henry VI, of 24th January, 1424, by authority of Parliament held on 4th November, 1461, it was granted to the mayor, Thomas Grantham¹, and the citizens, in relief of the desolation and ruin which had come upon the city, that the villages of Braunstone or Branston, Wadyngtone or Waddington, Bracebrigge or Bracebridge, and Canwik or Canwick, should be separated from the county and annexed to the county of the city, with the transfer of all jurisdiction of sheriffs; and that after the Feast of Easter next ensuing, no sheriff of the *County* or other Crown Minister should presume to execute any royal mandates within the said villages, etc.; that all their inhabitants should contribute to scot-and-lot and all the charges of the city, and none be

¹ William Pymberton was Mayor in 1460-1, and again in 1461-2; Thomas Grantham was Mayor in 1465-6.

allowed to dwell within the liberties of the city who should refuse so to contribute. There were also granted to the city a large number of quit-rents paid to the Crown from various houses in the city, many of which had belonged to Jews, and which are all specified in detail. In the list as given by Macray, the following names of Jews are found: Ursell Levy, of Wickford, in the parish of St Mark, whose name occurs thrice; Diabella, a Jewess, condemned for felony, whose name occurs four times; Bealesset or Belasset, of Wallingford, a Jewess, also condemned for felony, five times; Hagin, or Agin, son of Benedict, of Lincoln, one of whose houses is said to have come to the King's hands by the exile of Benedict; Jacob Levi, in the parish of St Benedict; Floria of London, a Jewess of Lincoln, in the parishes of St Martin and St Cuthbert; Juda, Judah or Judas in the bailly; Benedict le Counte, in the parish of St John called "la pourre"; Jacob Brauncegate, in the parish of St George; Jocey Gabias, in the parish of St Michael-on-the-hill; Salomon of London, in the parish of St Martin and in Brauncegate; Manser de Bradeworth, in the parish of St George; Jocey of Colchester; Benedict of London, in Brauncegate; Hagin Calf; Elias Gaboys. It may well be that some of these persons dwelt in the ancient Jewry which still stands in the midst of the city near the dividing line between the Civic and the Ecclesiastical districts. Besides these, there is a rent of two shillings, partly from the burial-ground of the Jews, and nineteen pence paid by the bailiffs from various Jews' houses not specified. The Charter goes on to grant the goods and chattels of felons and outlaws, assize of weights and measures, with fines, forfeitures, waifs and strays, and treasure-trove, and other privileges.

This Charter is dated on 15th February, 1466. The mayor, Thomas Grantham¹, was a very enlightened man, and did much towards the improvement and benefit of the condition of the citizens and city. The original is now missing, but it has been transcribed into the "White Book" (folios 60b, 70b), and was inspected and recited at length in the following Charter of King Richard III.

XXXVIII.

King Richard III granted an *Inspeximus* of the preceding Charter of King Edward IV, for which a comparatively large sum was paid into the royal hanaper. The Great Seal in green wax, broken, is

¹ Several Charters relating to Lincolnshire places with which the Grantham family was connected are calendared in my *Descriptive Catalogue of the Penrice and Margam Abbey Manuscripts in the possession of Miss Talbot of Margam*, First Series, 1893, pp. 163—182.

appended to the document. As Richard III reigned a very short time, impressions of his Great Seal are very rare.

This Charter is of considerable importance, because it inspects, recites at full length, and confirms many Charters of the King's predecessors. It was promulgated at Westminster, on the 30th November, 1484. The text being of an intricate character the following scheme will be found useful in dissecting it.

1	xxxviii	Richard III, 30 Nov., 1484, inspects :—	page 107
2	xxxvii	Edward IV's charter, 15 Feb., 1466, inspects :—	page 107
3	xxx	Henry VI's charter, 24 Jan., 1424, inspects :—	page 107
4	xxviii	Henry V's charter, 15 Dec., 1414, inspects :—	page 107
5	xxvii	Henry IV's charter, 21 Nov., 1409, inspects :—	page 108
6	xxiii	Richard II's charter, 16 March, 1378, inspects :—	page 108
7	xx	Edward III's charter, 22 Feb., 1330, inspects :—	page 108
8	xix	Edward III's charter, 7 Oct., 1327, inspects :—	page 108
9	xvi	Edward II's charter, 15 June, 1316, inspects :—	page 108
10	vi	Henry II's Stamford charter, and	page 108
11	xv	Edward I's charter, 25 Feb., 1301, which inspects :—	page 109
12	iii	Henry II's Worcester charter	page 109
13	i	Henry II's Woodstock charter	page 109
14	v	Henry II's Dyer's charter, and	page 110
15	ii	Henry II's Nottingham charter	page 110
16	vii	Richard I's charter, 23 Apr., 1194	page 110
17	xi	Henry III's charter, 20 Apr., 1227	page 111
18	xiii	Henry III's charter, 7 Mar., 1262, which inspects :—	page 113
19	i	Henry II's Woodstock charter	page 114
20	xiv	Henry III's charter, 12 Feb., 1272	page 114

XXXIX.

Mr Macray's list of lost documents makes mention of certain Letters Patent of King Richard III, incorporating into the city the villages of Washingborough, Heighington, in Washingborough parish (in the parts of Kesteven), Fiskerton, Greetwell, Burton-juxta-Lincoln, and Cherry Willingham (in the parts of Lindsey); granting an additional fair to begin on the Monday next before Quadragesima Sunday, and to continue during the immediately following fourteen days; and that all and every man, as well citizens as strangers, and all "foreigners" repairing to the same for the purpose of trade, should have liberty of ingress and egress at the said fair without interference from the Crown; and every "foreigner" coming thereto should enjoy especial royal protection, and his goods and his body be free from arrest (traitors and felons excepted) during the continuance of the fair, with a court of Piepoudre. This was dated on 2nd December, 1484. No Inspeximus of it by later Sovereigns has been found up to the present time.

XL.

King Henry VII granted a Royal Charter to the city, by way of Inspeximus of the Charter of the preceding Sovereign Richard III, as in No. XXXVIII. This does not appear to have contained any additional privileges. It was directed to William Irchnette, or Irchenete, the mayor, the sheriffs, and the commonalty, who had probably petitioned for a confirmatory Charter, with usual ratification of all former privileges.

The date is 8th July, in the fourteenth regnal year, which corresponds with 1498 ; but the date given by the author of *Civitas Lincolnia* is 14th July, 1499 ; and it is by that author expressly stated that the King set his signature to the Charter at Westminster, as to which frequent mention of the King's signature I have already made some remarks. The text of this (printed at page 157) is only known by its recital at length in a subsequent Charter by King Henry VIII in 1515, which will be described presently.

XLI.

Another of the lost Charters of the city is described by Ross and other authors as a General Pardon to the citizens by King Henry VIII and no subsequent monarch was ever called on to vouchsafe an Inspeximus of its terms. It had the Great Seal appended to it, and was dated on 28th May, 1509. There are many similar pardons of about this period, and the reason of their issue is not difficult to seek. Political factions and unrest had made many corporate bodies and single individuals, especially if they were possessed of substantial property, obnoxious to the Crown, which sought to enrich its impoverished finances by fines for alleged treason or suspected indifference, often put forward on very slender grounds. The citizens of Lincoln, apprehensive of interference, undoubtedly considered it wise to make its peace with the new *régime* and new manners, which were coming to the front in the early years of the sixteenth century. This was probably effected at a price, and took the form of Letters Patent declaring a "General Pardon" to Thomas Norton, the mayor, and all the burgesses and citizens, for all kinds of crimes, felonies, misdemeanours, and offences (a large number of them being specifically mentioned in the documents), committed on or before the 23rd April, in the first year of the King's reign, *i.e.* 1509. This general remission covered and forgave all treasons or suspected treasons, forfeitures for contravention of laws and other irregularities incurred, but still

unpunished, in the late disturbed reigns, when the civil wars of the Roses were raging, "the bare enumeration of which," we read in *Civitas Lincolnia*, "has in small and close handwriting filled two large membranes of parchment. Indeed, no political crimes ever have been, or ever could be, perpetrated that are not here set forth by name, in these particular and common instruments during the wars of the two competitors for the Crown. The resort to such means of obtaining a considerable revenue had been the constant practice of both factions, but ceased shortly after the date of this document."

XLII.

Fortunately for the City of Lincoln, its muniments still rejoice in the possession of a Roll consisting of the original Inspeximus by King Henry VIII, reciting and confirming the Inspeximus of Henry VII of 8th July, 1498, which has already been described. This is on four membranes, slightly mutilated and discoloured through exposure to damp, and is in its original leather-covered box with gilt tooling. The date of this document is the 24th October, in the seventh regnal year of the King, 1515. By this Charter, all previous Charters of the King's predecessors, from the time of King Henry II, are inspected, recited at length, and confirmed; hence it is of great importance that it should be preserved with the strictest regard to safety, because by its means the texts of older Charters, some of which are not extant, can be recovered. As a specimen of penmanship and ornamental script, it is not without interest. There is also an imperfect impression of the first Great Seal of the King still appended to the document. It is printed at page 157.

A large sum of money—eleven pounds, eighteen shillings and eightpence—was disbursed to the Crown for this Charter, and the richly-ornamented character of the box in which it was preserved at the time of its issue, indicates that the possessors set a high value on the treasure which they had purchased at so great a price.

XLIII.

Now, at length, holding plenary forgiveness of all past delinquencies, and armed with confirmation of all previous privileges, another effort was instituted to obtain relief for the oppressive fee-farm rent which seems to have rankled in the breasts of the authorities; and we accordingly find a Charter of Henry VIII granting to the city for relief of their burdens, and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and thirty-five pounds, fourteen shillings and threepence-halfpenny,

paid to the treasurer of the Court of Augmentations, the advowsons and rectories of Hanslope or Hanslope, in Buckinghamshire, and Hemyswell or Hemswell, Surflett or Surfleet and Beltone or Belton, in Lincolnshire, saving the present incumbencies of the several rectors. The vicars appointed by the city are to be bound to residence, and each to have a fit dwelling-house and appurtenances, with yearly stipends of thirteen pounds, fourteen shillings and fourpence for Hanslope, and eleven pounds for the other parishes. The Charter consists of two membranes, with the great seal enclosed in a paper case. It is dated 11th December, in the thirty-eighth year, 1546. The text has been printed here at page 165.

With the exception of Surfleet, each of these parsonages is, I believe, still held by the Corporation; but that of Surfleet was conveyed to the Earl of Rutland, so that he might forego for ever the claim he had of one hundred pounds fee-farm, the original cause of this donation by the King to the Corporation.

Your archives possess also a corrected paper copy of this Charter, and an English translation made by Edward James Willson in 1835, on eight folio sheets.

XLIV.

The youthful and pious King Edward VI was as solicitous for the spiritual welfare of his Royal City of Lincoln as his ancestors and predecessors had been for its commercial prosperity; and we consequently find, still preserved among the Records, the exemplification of an Act passed in the second session of the Parliament, held November 1547 to November 1548, for the union of certain parishes in the City of Lincoln: wherein it is set forth that "Where in the auntient Citie of Lincolne and the suburbes of the same there are many parishe churches the benefytes whereof, for that the same parisshes were well peopled, were good and honest lyvinges for lerned incumbentes and personnes of the same, by reason of privie tythes of the rich marchauntes, clothyers, artyficers, and of the offrynges of a great multitude of people within the same parisshes, whiche lyvynges are now so much decayed by the great ruyne and decay of the said citie and of the trade of clothmaking and merchaundise there that the revenues and profittes of dyvers the said benefices there are at this present not above the clere yerely value of thirtie shillings, so that a great sort of them are not a competent and honest lyving for a good curate, and no personne will take the cure of them, but that of povertie and necessitie there are some late religious personnes being

stipendaries taken and appoynted to serve the said cures and benefices, whiche for the most parte are unlerned and verie ignoraunte personnes not able to do any parte of there dueties ; by reason whereof the said citie is not only replenished with blynde guydes and pastours, but also the people very muche kept in ignorance and blyndnes as well of their dueties toward almightie God as also the Kinges majestie their soueraigne lord, and the commen wealthe of this realme, and to the great daungier of their soules," etc., therefore it shall be lawful for the Ordinary (*i.e.* the bishop), with the mayor, recorder, and justices of the peace, within six years after this session of Parliament, to unite parishes, so that the yearly value of any one shall not exceed fourteen pounds, to pull down superfluous churches, and to use the materials for repair of others, etc. ; with reservation to dispossessed incumbents of a third part of the profits of their benefice, and the saving of all existing rights of others. Fragments of the Great Seal, in white wax, still remain appended to the document, which is dated the 13th May in the King's third regnal year, or 1549. The word *person* in the above extract is equivalent to the modern *parson*.

The memorandum or writ *de memorando* addressed to Sir William Pagett, K.G., Clerk of the Parliament, dated 8 May, 3 Edward VI, 1549, is printed at page 186, followed by the *Inspeximus* of the Act endorsed by Sir John Masone, deputy of Sir William, printed at page 187.

There were no less than twenty-four churches in the lower part of the city ; and the author of *Forgotten Lincoln*, who pens a somewhat melancholy chapter on "Vanished Churches," speaks of fifty-two churches in Lincoln (*teste* the late learned Precentor Venables) as existing previous to the Reformation. In this respect Lincoln compares with London and Norwich, consisting of clusters of small parishes in close contiguity, and stands in contrast with Yarmouth and many other parishes of very extensive area, yet served, as to spiritual purposes, by one chief parish church only : a remarkable fact in the political history of our country which has never been explained.

XLV.

The archives of Lincoln also possess a Charter of Queen Elizabeth, granting that, whereas questions have arisen as to the power of the mayor and the town clerk, otherwise called the mayor's clerk, to take recognisances of debts according to the form of the statutes of Acton Burnell and of merchants, it shall be lawful for them so to do ; and after the demise of Leonard Carre, the present town clerk, his successors

shall be clerks of the Crown for such recognisances, which are to be sealed with a seal to be called the Queen's seal, many specimens of which still exist, and can be procured for the contemplated museum for which the present energetic custodian, Mr E. Smith, has already gathered up many valuable relics of old times in Lincolnshire. Of a beautiful impression, in brown wax, of the Queen's great seal only a portion remains. The deed is dated Westminster, 13th December, in the thirty-ninth year of the Queen, 1596.

The original leather box in which this Charter is contained is lined with fragments of printer's proof-sheets of a curious black-letter book, apparently relating to some astrological or fortune-telling game with dice. There are headings, "Aristoteles philosopher," "Socrates philosopher," with heads of Agamemnon, etc.; and then, under various throws of dice, many such inscriptions as these: "Go to Venus, to the Spirit Rada; go to Mercurius, to the Spirit Efra; goe to y^e Sunne, to the Spirit Mara." It is probably quite unique, and, if taken off and properly repaired, would be a valuable object for exhibition in the museum.

There is preserved in the muniment room (Nos. 1014—1028) a parcel of documents relating to the release made to the corporation of the right of Edward Manners, Earl of Rutland, to a fee-farm rent yearly, declared to be part of the city's fee-farm granted by the Crown to the ancestors of the said Earl; among which are the conveyance, in 1558, by Earl Henry to the Mayor for four hundred marks, and exchange of one hundred pounds fee-farm rent, in return for the rectory of Surfleet conveyed to the Earl, and numerous other deeds relating to or growing out of the transaction; but they are not of the nature of Royal Charters, and I do not propose to deal with them here.

XLVI.

The Commission from King James I appointing commissioners, in pursuance of a statute made in the forty-third year of Queen Elizabeth, 1600—1601, to enquire concerning all gifts assigned at any time for charitable purposes of every kind within the city and county of Lincoln, and into all abuses and breaches of trust of the same, described by Mr Macray as being amongst the Records at the time he was drawing up his Report in 1895, is now missing; but, curiously enough, that writer says the Great Seal is lost, whereas it has now come to light again, and reposes among the Records but separated from the deed, awaiting the time when it may be again attached to the royal document from which it has been severed.

XLVII.

The Charter of Incorporation by Charles I (under which the city was governed¹ until the year 1834) establishes the Common Council, with thirteen aldermen, four coroners, four chamberlains, and other officers; and regulates modes of procedure and jurisdiction; with reservation of the rights of the bishop, the dean and chapter, and the lord of the liberty of Bemon (*i.e.* Beaumont) fee; and has the saving clause "to us and to our heirs, in right of our Duchy of Lancaster, our castle of Lincoln, and the ditches and walls thereof within and without, with all their members; the view of Frankpledge, and whatsoever appertains to the view of Frankpledge, and all the liberties, privileges, and franchises thereto appurtenant." The initial letter has the customary outline portrait, with the motto "Carolus Rex." Only one-half of the Great Seal remains, with the view of London and the greyhound. The text is contained in four membranes and is deposited in a box covered with leather, ornamented with gilt tooling, and fitted with a spring lock. It is dated at Westminster on the 18th December, in the King's fourth regnal year, corresponding to 1628.

The present work does not supply the occasion to deal *seriatim* with the aspects of Government which the Charter discloses; they relate to the modern history of the city, and most of the more advanced citizens are probably quite familiar with their conditions; whereas my aim here has been to bring to notice the state of the city as it was in days further away from us.

XLVIII.

At length we arrive at the Charter granted by King Charles II (after the surrender by the city of their previous Charters, on 18th October, 1684, brought about by the notorious Judge Jeffreys), renewing the former privileges, enlarging powers of jurisdiction with regard to unlawful assemblies, conventicles, and other matters; granting a four-days' fair, and a weekly market on Tuesdays, with the same clauses of reservation as in the Charter of Charles I, but naming the mayor and all other officers, and *reserving to the Crown power, by order in Privy Council, to remove all or any, at the King's free will and pleasure*². This is the most important variation, and Lincoln, like

¹ Macray, Report, p. 13.

² pp. 275, 276.

most other towns and cities in England, had to yield to this restriction, which no doubt rests principally on the political events of the Republican Revolution, when in some instances mayors and other officers unwisely made themselves members of factions, instead of rising above mere party politics, and with energy and intelligence studying the improvement of the condition of the city and life of the citizens, be they of what political colour they might: rather than serving a transient and ephemeral party for their private advantage. In justice, however, to the King, it must be admitted that few removals of mayors or officers ever took place under this reservation. The late Chancellor Ferguson, of Carlisle, in his work on the Royal Charters of that city, writes bitterly of similar proceedings with regard to the civic liberties there. This Charter was promulgated at Westminster, on 17th December, in the thirty-sixth regnal year of the King, 1684. It is contained in six membranes, with arabesque borders and an engraved portrait of the King in the initial letter at the beginning. Only fragments of the Great Seal remain, in a box covered with leather, and adorned with gilt tooling. This Charter was received on 1st January, 1685, with universal rejoicings in Lincoln. "So soon as Mr Mayor received the Charter and the key of the box where the same was, he opened the box, and took the Charter out; and he, the aldermen, sheriffs, common councilmen, chamberlains, and most of the gentlemen and company there, kissed the seal, and after, loudly shouted *God save the King*," etc.¹

XLIX.

The last of the long series of Royal Charters is the grant by King William III of a horse and cattle fair, to be held yearly on the first Wednesday in September and two days following. Only a small fragment of the seal remains. It was issued at Westminster on 22nd July, in the King's eighth year of rule, 1696.

And now that a review of all the Royal Charters of Lincoln has been made, finding some still extant, some lost, and some in the form of copies introduced into other documents, it may justly be said that the city possesses an extensive and valuable series of title-deeds, on which her liberties, rights, privileges and possessions rest to a very great extent, subject, of course, to the modifications and restrictions which subsequent changes in civic life and progressive individual modern status demand. Hence it behoves the Corporation in its

¹ Macray's Report, p. 110, from *Registers*, Vol. VI.

wisdom to take every possible care that neither the documents themselves, nor the privileges which they make manifest, may be tampered with or neglected. Judicious display of some of these ancient archives under glass in the public museum of the city will serve to remind the citizens that they are members of a great community—made great by the royal favour which granted the Charters, and which can only be kept great by adherence to the letter and obedience to the spirit in which these acts of sovereign regard have been conferred upon it.

CATALOGUE NUMBERS.

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| 1. Henry II. | 21. Henry VI, 1424. |
| White Book: Richard I. | White Book: Henry VI, 1438. |
| 3. John. | 13. Henry VI, 1447. |
| 9. Henry III, 1227. | 23. Henry VI, 1456. |
| 5. Henry III, 1262. | 7. Edward IV. |
| 4. Henry III, 1272. | 184. Richard III. |
| 20. Edward I. | 199. Henry VIII, 1515. |
| 2. Ordinances, Edw. II. | 185. Henry VIII, 1546. |
| 6. Constitutions. | 11. Edward VI. |
| 16. Edward III, 1330. | 200. Elizabeth. |
| 15. Edward III, 1361. | 201. Charles I. |
| 10. Richard II, 1378. | 202. Charles II. |
| 12. Richard II, 1380. | 22. William III. |
| | 24. Henry IV. |
| | 25. Henry V. |
| | 25*. Henry VI, 1439. |

ERRATA.

Page 97, line 1. *vigoris seu vigoris*, an error of the copyist in the Register, probably for *virtutis seu vigoris*.

Page 103, line 3, for *Bussby*, read *Bussby*, as in the translation.

Page 103, line 5, for *Willemo*, read *Willemo*.

THE ROYAL CHARTERS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN

CHARTER OF KING HENRY II.

[1157.]

HENRICUS Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum Episcopo Lincolnensi Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Baronibus Ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Lincolscire ✓ Salutem.

Sciatis me concessisse Ciuibus meis Lincolie omnes libertates et consuetudines et leges suas quas habuerunt tempore Eduardi et Willelmi et Henrici Regum Anglie. et Gildam suam mercatoriam. de hominibus Ciuitatis et de aliis mercatoribus Comitatus ✓ sicut illam habuerunt tempore predictorum antecessorum meorum Regum Anglie melius et liberius. Et omnes homines qui infra quatuor diuisas Ciuitatis manent et mercatum deducunt ✓ sint ad Geldas et Consuetudines et Asisas Ciuitatis ✓ sicut melius fuerunt tempore Eduardi

HENRY King of the English and Duke of the Normans and Aquitanians and Count of the Angevins to the Bishop of Lincoln, to the justices, sheriffs, barons, ministers and all his faithful men of Lincolnshire French and English greeting.

Know ye that I have granted to my citizens of Lincoln all their liberties and customs and laws which they had in the time of Edward and William and Henry, Kings of England, and their merchant-guild of the men of the city and of other merchants of the county as they had it in the time of the aforesaid my ancestors Kings of England better and more freely. And let all men who dwell within the four wards of the city and frequent the market be subject to the gelds and customs and assises of the city as they best were

et Willelmi et Henrici Regum Anglie. Concedo etiam eis quod si aliquis emerit aliquam terram infra Ciuitatem de Burgagio Lincolie et eam tenuerit per annum et unum diem sine Calumpnia. et ille qui eam emerit possit monstrare quod Calumpniator extiterit in Regione Anglie infra annum et non Calumpniatus est eam ✓ extunc in antea bene et in pace teneat eam et sine placito. Confirmo etiam eis quod si aliquis manserit in Ciuitate mea Lincolie per annum et unum diem sine Calumpnia alicujus Calumpniatoris, et dederit Consuetudines Ciuitatis, et Ciues poterint monstrare per leges et Consuetudines Ciuitatis quod Calumpniator ex[titer]it in Regione Anglie et non Calumpniatus est eum ✓ extunc in antea remaneat in pace in Ciuitate mea Lincolie sicut Ciuis meus sine placito.

Testibus, Philippo Episcopo Baiocensi, Ernulpho Episcopo Lexoviensi, Toma Cancellario, Comite Reginaldo, Ricardo de Huñ Constabulario, H. de Essex Constabulario. Apud Notingham.

in the time of Edward and William and Henry, Kings of England. I grant also to them that if any one shall have bought any land within the city of the Burgage of Lincoln and shall have held it for a year and a day without challenge, and he who shall have bought it be able to show that the challenger had been in the realm of England within a year and has not challenged it, then from that time forward let him hold it well and in peace and without plea. I confirm also to them that if any one shall have dwelt in my city of Lincoln for a year and a day without challenge of any challenger and shall have paid the customs of the city, and the citizens can have shown by the laws and customs of the city that the challenger was in the realm of England and had not challenged him, then from that time forward let him remain in peace in my city of Lincoln as my citizen without plea.

Witnesses: Philip, Bishop of Bayeux; Ernulph, Bishop of Lisieux; Thomas the Chancellor, Count Reginald, Richard de Humez, the Constable; H[enry] de Essex, the Constable. At Nottingham.

CHARTER OF KING RICHARD I.

[23 April, 5th year, 1194.]

Charta Regis Ricardi primi exemplificata in anno xj^o
Regis Henrici tercij.

RICARDUS Dei gratia Rex Anglorum dux Normannorum et Aquitannorum Comes Andegavorum Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Ministris et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis tam Francis quam Anglis salutem.

Sciatis nos concessisse civibus nostris Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra civitatem Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus exceptis monetariis et ministris nostris.

— Concessimus etiam eis quietanciam murdri infra civitatem et in portsoca Et quod nullus eorum faciat duellum Et quod de placitis ad coronam pertinentibus se possint dirationare secundum consuetudinem civium civitatis Londonie Et quod infra civitatem illam nemo capiat hospicium per vim vel per liberacionem marescalli.

The Charter of King Richard the First exemplified in the
eleventh year of King Henry the Third.

RICHARD by the grace of God King of the English, Duke of the Normans and Aquitanians, Count of the Angevins, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, ministers and to all his bailiffs and faithful men both French and English greeting.

Know ye that we have granted to our citizens of Lincoln that no one of them plead without the city of Lincoln concerning any plea except the pleas of outer tenures excepting our moneyers and ministers.

We have granted also to them quittance of murder within the city and in the Portsoke. And that no one of them make duel. And that concerning pleas appertaining to the crown they may justify themselves according to the custom of the citizens of the city of London And that within that city no one take hospice by force or by delivery of the marshal.

Hoc etiam eis concessimus quod omnes cives Lincolnie sint quieti de theolonio et lastagio per totam Angliam et per portus maris Et quod nullus de misericordia pecunie judicetur nisi secundum legem quam habent cives nostri Londonie Et quod in civitate illa in nullo placito sit mescanninga Et quod burwardmote semel tantum¹ in ebdomada teneatur Et quod terre et tenure et vadia sua et debita sua omnimoda juste habeant quicumque eis debeat Et de terris suis et tenuris que infra civitatem sunt rectum eis teneatur secundum consuetudinem civitatis Et de omnibus debitis suis que accommoda[ta] fuerint apud Lincolniam et de vadiis ibidem factis placita apud Lincolniam teneantur Et si quis in tota Anglia theolonium vel consuetudinem ab hominibus Lincolnie ceperit postquam ipse a recto defecerit prepositus Lincolnie namium apud Lincolniam capiat.

Insuper etiam ad emendacionem illius civitatis eis concessimus quod sint quieti de bridtoll et Cildwyte et de Giercegreve et Scotale ita quod prepositus nec alius ballivus scotalem faciat.

Has predictas consuetudines eis concessimus et omnes alias

This also we have granted to them that all the citizens of Lincoln be quit of toll and lastage throughout the whole of England and throughout the sea-ports. And that no one be adjudged liable to a fine of money unless in accordance with the law which our citizens of London have. And that in that city there be in no plea miskennung. And that the Burghwardmote be held only once weekly. And that their lands and tenures and wages and all manner of their debts be held justly whoever owes them anything. And that concerning their lands and tenures which are within the city right be accorded to them according to the custom of the city. And concerning all their debts which shall have been contracted at Lincoln and concerning wages there made pleas be held at Lincoln. And if any one in the whole of England shall have taken toll or custom from the men of Lincoln after that he shall have failed in the right the provost of Lincoln is to take the distress at Lincoln.

Moreover also for the improvement of that city we have granted to them that they be quit of bridtoll and childwite and year's-gift and scotale so that no provost or other bailiff levy scotale.

We have granted to them these aforesaid customs and all other the

¹ *tamen*, MS., but this is an error for *tantum*; see later charters wherein this one is recited.

libertates et liberas consuetudines quas habuerunt vel habent cives nostri Londonie quando meliores vel liberiores habuerunt secundum libertates Londonie et leges civitatis Lincolnie.

Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod ipsi et heredes eorum hec omnia predicta habeant et teneant hereditarie de nobis et heredibus nostris.

Reddendo per annum novies viginti libras numero¹ de Lincolnia cum omnibus pertinentiis ad scaccarium nostrum duobus terminis ad Pascha videlicet et ad festum Sancti Michaelis per manum prepositi Lincolnie et cives Lincolnie faciant prepositum quem voluerint de se per annum qui sit idoneus nobis et eis.

Testibus hiis H. W. Archiepiscopo Willelmo Marescallo Galfrido filio Johannis Hugone Bardolf.

Data per manum W. Eliensis Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Wyntoniam xxij die Aprilis anno regni nostri quinto.

* * This charter is copied from the Lincoln City Register Book No. 1, folio 150.

liberties and free customs which our citizens of London have had or have when they had them for the better and freer according to the liberties of London and the laws of the city of Lincoln.

Wherefore we will and firmly enjoin that they and their heirs have and hold all these things aforesaid hereditarily of us and our heirs.

Yielding yearly nine score pounds of Lincoln tale with all the appurtenances at our exchequer at the two terms that is to say at Easter and at the feast of Saint Michael by the hand of the provost of Lincoln. And the citizens of Lincoln may make a provost of whom they shall choose of themselves yearly who is to be suitable to us and to them.

These being witnesses: H[ubert] W[alter], Archbishop, William Marshal, Geoffrey son of John, Hugh Bardolf.

Dated by the hand of W[illiam de Longchamp] Bishop of Ely our Chancellor at Winchester on the twenty-third day of April in the fifth year of our reign.

¹ *nuño*, MS., but *numero* is indicated by later charters. Some ambiguity is present here, as there was a mint here at this date, whereas *numerus* de Lincolnia seems to be an unnecessary phrase.

CHARTER OF KING JOHN.

[23 April, 1st year, 1200.]

JOHANNES Dei gracia rex Anglorum dominus Hibernie Dux Normannorum Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus et omnibus balliuis et fidelibus nostris salutem.

Sciatis nos concessisse [ciuibus nostris] Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra muros Ciuitatis Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita [de tenuris exterioribus exceptis] monetariis et ministris nostris. Concessimus etiam eis quietanciam murdri intra Ciuitatem et in Portsoc'. et quod nullus eorum faciat duellum. et quod de placitis ad coronam pertinentibus se possint disracionare secundum consuetudinem quam Ciues Ciuitatis Londonie habuerunt tempore Henrici regis patris nostri et quod infra muros Ciuitatis illius nemo capiat hospitium per vim vel per liberationem Marescallorum. Hoc etiam eis concessimus quod omnes ciues Lincolnie sint quieti de theloneo et lestagio per totam Angliam et per portus maris et quod nullus de misericordia pecunie iudicetur nisi secundum legem quam

JOHN by the grace of God King of the English, Lord of Ireland, Duke of the Normans and Aquitanians, and Count of the Angevins, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs and all our bailiffs and faithful men greeting.

Know ye that we have granted to our citizens of Lincoln that no one of them plead without the walls of the city of Lincoln concerning any plea except the pleas of outer tenures excepting our moneyers and ministers. We have granted also to them quittance of murder within the city and in the Portsoken. And that no one of them make duel. And that concerning pleas appertaining to the crown they may justify themselves according to the custom which the citizens of the city of London had in the time of King Henry our father. And that within the walls of that city no one take hospice by force or by delivery of the marshals.

This also we have granted to them that all the citizens of Lincoln be quit of toll and lastage throughout the whole of England and throughout the seaports. And that no one be adjudged liable to a fine of money unless in

habuerunt ciues nostri Londonie tempore predicti Regis patris nostri et quod in Ciuitate illa in nullo placito sit [meskenninga] et quod Burewaremot semel tantum in ebdomada teneatur et quod terras et tenuras et vadia sua et debita sua omnia juste habeant [quicunque eis debeat et] de terris suis et tenuris que infra Ciuitatem sunt rectum eis teneatur secundum consuetudinem ciuitatis et de omnibus debitis suis que accommodata fuerunt apud Lincolniam et de vadiis ibidem factis placitum apud Lincolniam teneatur. Prohibemus eciam ne quis [ab eis] teloneum vel consuetudinem capiat in Anglia de hiis que ad nos pertinent super forisfacturam decem librarum, saluis in omnibus libertatibus Ciuitatis Londonie. Insuper ad emendacionem illius ciuitatis concessimus quod sint quieti de Bridtoll et de Childewite et de Gyereseyeue et de Scotale ita quod prepositi nec alii balliui Scotalam faciant. Has predictas consuetudines eis concessimus et omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines secundum libertates Londonie et leges ciuitatis Lincolnie quas habuerunt ciues nostri Londonie quando meliores vel liberiores habuerunt tempore predicti Regis patris nostri. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod ipsi et heredes eorum hec omnia predicta habeant et teneant hereditarie de nobis et heredibus nostris reddendo per annum nouies viginti libras

accordance with the law which our citizens of London had in the time of the aforesaid King our father. And that in that city there be miskenning in no plea. And that the Burghwardmote be held only once weekly and that they justly hold their lands and tenures and wages and all their debts whoever owes them anything. And that concerning their lands and tenures which are within the city right be accorded to them according to the custom of the city. And concerning all their debts which have been contracted at Lincoln and concerning wages there made plea be held at Lincoln. We forbid also that any one take from them toll or custom in England of those things which appertain to us under penalty of ten pounds, saving in all things the liberties of the city of London. Moreover for the improvement of that city we have granted that they be quit of bridtoll and of childwite and of year's gift and of scotale, so that no provost nor other bailiffs levy scotale. We have granted to them these aforesaid customs and all other the liberties and free customs according to the liberties of London and the laws of the city of Lincoln which our citizens of London had when they had them for the better or freer in the time of the aforesaid King our father.

Wherefore we will and firmly enjoin that they and their heirs have and hold all these things aforesaid hereditarily of us and our heirs. Yielding yearly

numero de Lincolnia cum omnibus pertinentiis ad Scaccarium nostrum duobus terminis ad Pascha scilicet et ad festum Sancti Michaelis per manus prepositorum Lincolnie Preterea volumus et concedimus quod idem ciues Ciuitatis Lincolnie per commune consilium ciuitatis eligant duos de legalioribus et discretioribus ciuibus Lincolnie et presentent eos capitali Justiciario apud Westmonasterium qui bene et fideliter custodiant Preposituram Ciuitatis Lincolnie et [non amoueantur quamdiu] in ballia sua se bene gesserint nisi per commune consilium ciuitatis sue. Volumus eciam quod in eadem ciuitate [Lincolnie per commune] consilium eligantur quatuor de legalioribus et discretioribus ciuitatis ad custodiendum placita corone et alia que ad nos et coronam nostram pertinent in eadem ciuitate et ad videndum quod prepositi illius Ciuitatis iuste et legitime tractent tam pauperes quam divites.

Testibus W. Londoniensi episcopo. G. filio Petri comite Essex. Willelmo Mariscallo comite de Penbroc [Hub. filio Rogeri Houchard] W[illelmo Briweri].

Data per manum S. Archidiaconi Wellensis et J. de Grei archidiaconi de Glocestre apud Awelton xxij die Aprilis et Regni nostri anno primo.

nine score pounds of Lincoln tale with all their appurtenances at our exchequer at the two terms to wit at Easter and at the feast of Saint Michael by the hands of the provosts of Lincoln.

Moreover we will and grant that the same citizens of the city of Lincoln by the common council of the city elect two of the more lawful and more discreet citizens of Lincoln and present them to the Chief Justice at Westminster, who are to well and faithfully keep the Provostship of the city of Lincoln and be not amoved so long as they shall have conducted themselves well in their bailiwick except by the common council of their city.

We will also that in the same city of Lincoln there be chosen by the common council four of the more lawful and more discreet men of the city to keep the pleas of the crown and other the things which appertain to us and our crown in the same city and to see that the provosts of that city justly and lawfully treat both the poor and the rich.

Witnesses: W[illiam of S. Mere L'Eglise] Bishop of London, G. son of Peter¹ Earl of Essex, William Marshal Earl of Pembroke, Hubert son of Roger Houchard, William Briwer.

Dated by the hand of S[imon Fitz Robert] Archdeacon of Wells, and J[ohn] de Grei, Archdeacon of Gloucester, at Alton on the twenty-third day of April and in the first year of our reign.

¹ Geoffrey Fitz Piers, 4th Earl of Essex, *ob.* 1212.

CHARTER OF KING HENRY III.

[20 April, 11th year, 1227.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie Dux Normannorum Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, [Forestariis,] Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis Salutem.

Sciatis nos concessisse Ciuibus nostris Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra Ciuitatem Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus exceptis monetariis et ministris nostris. Concessimus eciam eis quietanciam murdri infra Ciuitatem et in Portsoka, et quod nullus eorum faciat duellum, et quod de placitis ad coronam pertinentibus se possint disrationare secundum consuetudinem quam Ciues Londonie habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis Aui nostri Et quod infra Ciuitatem Lincolnie nemo capiat hospitium per vim vel per liberationem Marescalli. Hoc eciam eis concessimus quod omnes Ciues Lincolnie sint quieti de theloneo et lestagio per totam Angliam et per portus Maris, Et quod nullus de misericordia

HENRY by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of the Normans and Aquitanians and Count of the Angevins, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, justices, [foresters,] sheriffs, provosts, ministers and all his bailiffs and faithful men greeting.

Know ye that we have granted to our citizens of Lincoln that no one of them plead without the city of Lincoln concerning any plea except the pleas of outer tenures excepting our moneyers and ministers. We have granted also to them quittance of murder within the city and in the Portsoke. And that no one of them make duel. And that concerning pleas appertaining to the crown they may justify themselves according to the custom which the citizens of the city of London had in the time of King Henry our grandfather. And that within the city of Lincoln no one take hospice by force or by delivery of the marshal.

This also we have granted to them that all the citizens of Lincoln be quit of toll and lastage throughout the whole of England and throughout the

pecunie judicetur nisi secundum legem quam habuerunt Ciues nostri Londonie tempore predicti Henrici Regis Aui nostri, Et quod in ciuitate illa in nullo placito sit meskenninga, et quod Burewaremot' semel tantum in ebdomada teneatur, et quod terras et tenuras et vadia sua et debita sua omnia iuste habeant quicumque eis debeat, et de terris suis et tenuris que infra ciuitatem sunt rectum eis teneatur secundum consuetudinem ciuitatis, et de omnibus debitis suis que accommodata fuerint apud Lincolniam et de vadiis ibidem factis placitum apud Lincolniam teneatur. Prohibemus eciam ne quis ab eis theloneum vel consuetudinem capiat in Anglia de hiis que ad nos pertinent super forisfacturam decem librarum salvis in omnibus libertatibus Ciuitatis Londonie. Et si quis in tota Anglia theloneum vel consuetudinem ab hominibus Lincolnie ceperit postquam ipse a recto defecerit prepositus Lincolnie namium capiat apud Lincolniam. Insuper eciam ad emendationem illius Ciuitatis eis concessimus quod sint quieti de Bridtol et de Childwite et de Yeresgiue et Scotala, ita quod prepositi nec alii Balliui scotalam faciant. Has predictas consuetudines eis concessimus et omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines secundum libertates Londonie et leges Ciuitatis

seaports. And that no one be adjudged liable to a fine of money unless in accordance with the law which our citizens of London had in the time of the aforesaid King Henry our grandfather. And that in that city there be miskenning in no plea. And that the Burghwardmote be held only once weekly and that they justly hold their lands and tenures and wages and all their debts whoever owes them anything. And that concerning their lands and tenures which are within the city right be held to them according to the custom of the city. And concerning all their debts which have been contracted at Lincoln and concerning wages made there plea be held at Lincoln.

We forbid also that any one take from them toll or custom in England of those things which appertain to us under penalty of ten pounds saving in all things the liberties of the city of London. And if any one in the whole of England shall have taken toll or custom from the men of Lincoln after that he shall have failed in upholding his right the provost of Lincoln is to take the distress at Lincoln.

Moreover also for the improvement of that city we have granted to them that they be free quit of bridtol and of childwite and of year's gift and of scotale so that no provost or other the bailiffs levy scotale.

We have granted to them these aforesaid customs and all other the liberties and free customs according to the liberties of London and the laws

Lincolnie quas habuerunt ciues nostri Londonie quando meliores vel liberiores habuerunt tempore predicti Henrici Regis aui nostri vel habent. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod ipsi et heredes eorum hec omnia predicta habeant et teneant hereditarie de nobis et heredibus nostris. Reddendo per annum nouies viginti libras numero de Lincolnia cum omnibus pertinentiis ad Scaccarium nostrum duobus terminis ad Pascha scilicet et ad festum Sancti Michaelis per manus prepositorum Lincolnie. Preterea volumus et concedimus quod ipsi Ciues Lincolnie per commune consilium Ciuitatis eligant duos de legalioribus ciuibus Lincolnie et presentent eos Capitali Justiciario nostro apud Westmonasterium qui bene et fideliter custodiant preposituram Ciuitatis Lincolnie et non amoveantur quamdiu in Balliua sua se bene gesserint nisi per commune consilium Ciuitatis sue. Volumus etiam quod in eadem ciuitate Lincolnie per commune consilium Ciuium eligantur quatuor de legalioribus et discretioribus Ciuitatis ad custodienda placita corone et alia que ad nos et ad coronam nostram pertinent in eadem ciuitate et ad videndum quod prepositi illius ciuitatis iuste et legitime tractent tam pauperes quam diuites. Concessimus eciam

of the city of Lincoln which our citizens of London had when they had them for the better and the freer in the time of the aforesaid King Henry our grandfather or now have them.

Wherefore we will and firmly enjoin that they and their heirs have and hold all these things aforesaid hereditarily of us and our heirs.

Yielding yearly nine score pounds of Lincoln tale with all the appurtenances at our exchequer at the two terms, to wit at Easter and at the feast of Saint Michael, by the hands of the provosts of Lincoln.

Moreover we will and grant that the same citizens of Lincoln by the common council of the city elect two of the more lawful citizens of Lincoln and present them to our Chief Justice at Westminster, who are to keep well and faithfully the provostship of the city of Lincoln and be not amoved so long as they shall have conducted themselves well in their bailiwick except by the common council of their city.

We will also that in the same city of Lincoln there be chosen by the common council of the citizens four of the more lawful and more discreet men of the city to keep the pleas of the crown and other the things which appertain to us and our crown in the same city and to see that the provosts of that city justly and lawfully treat both the poor and the rich.

eis gildam suam mercatoriam de hominibus ciuitatis et de aliis Mercatoribus Comitatus sicut illam habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis Aui nostri Et ut omnes homines qui infra quatuor diuisas ciuitatis manent et mercatum deducunt sint ad geldas et consuetudines et assisas ciuitatis sicut melius fuerunt tempore predicti Henrici Regis Aui nostri. Concessimus eciam eis quod si aliquis natiuus manserit in ciuitate nostra Lincolnie per unum annum et unum diem sine calumpnia ✓ extunc inantea remaneat in pace in ciuitate nostra Lincolnie sicut ciuis noster. Sicut carte predicti Henrici Regis Aui nostri et Ricardi Regis Auunculi nostri et domini Johannis Regis patris nostri quas inde habent rationabiliter testantur.

Hiis testibus, W. Carliolensi. G. Elyensi. Th. Norwicensi. Episcopis. H. de Burgo Comite Kantie Justiciario nostro. G. Comite Gloucestrie et Hertfordie. Henrico de Aldithelege. Nicholao de Veredun. Theobaldo Pincerna. Osberto Giffard. Radulpho filio Nicholai. G. de Crawecumbe. Ricardo de Argentein. Henrico de Capella. Radulpho de Raleg', et aliis.

We have also granted to them their merchant guild of the men of the city and of other the merchants of the county as they had it in the time of King Henry our grandfather. And that all men who dwell within the four wards of the city and frequent the market be subject to the gelds and customs and assizes of the city as they best were in the time of the aforesaid King Henry our grandfather.

We have also granted to them that if any nief shall have dwelt in our city of Lincoln for one year and one day without challenge from thenceforward let him remain in peace in our city of Lincoln as our citizen according as the charters of the aforesaid King Henry our grandfather and King Richard our uncle and the Lord King John our father which they have thereof do reasonably bear witness.

These being witnesses: W[alter]¹ Bishop of Carlisle, G[eo]ffrey² Bishop of Ely, Th[omas]³ Bishop of Norwich, H[ubert] de Burgh⁴ Earl of Kent our Justice, G[ilbert]⁵ Earl of Gloucester and Hertford, Henry de Audeley, Nicholas de Veredun, Theobald Pincerna, Osbert Giffard, Ralph son of Nicholas, G. de Crawecumbe, Richard de Argentein, Henry de Capella, Ralph de Raleg', and others.

¹ Walter Mauclerk, *ob.* 1248.

³ Thomas de Blundeville, 1226-1236.

⁵ Gilbert de Clare, *ob.* 1229.

² Geoffrey de Burgh, 1225-1229.

⁴ *Ob.* 1243.

Data per manum venerabilis patris domini Radulphi Cycestrensis
Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Westmonasterium .xx. die Aprilis
anno regni nostri vndecimo.

Dated by the hand of the venerable father the Lord Ralph¹ Bishop of
Chichester our chancellor at Westminster on the twentieth day of April in the
eleventh year of our reign.

¹ Ralph de Neville, 1222—1244.

CHARTER OF KING HENRY III.

[7 March, 46th year, 1262.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitannie vicecomitibus et Ministris suis comitatus Lincolnensis salutem.

Inspeximus litteras quas dominus Henricus Rex auus meus fecit ciuibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

Henricus Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum vicecomitibus et ministris suis de Lincolnshire salutem.

Precipio quod faciatis forinsecos mercatores venire ad Lincolniam et ibi facere mercaturas suas ita racionabiliter et juste sicut facere solebant tempore Henrici Regis aui mei, ne prepositi mei Lincolnie amittant meas regias consuetudines.

Teste. Ricardo de Lucy apud Wodestoc'.

Nos igitur prefatis ciuibus nostris hoc ipsum tam in conservationem juris nostri quam juris eorundem volentes observari precipimus quod

HENRY by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine to his Sheriffs and Ministers of the County of Lincoln greeting.

We have inspected the letters which the Lord King Henry my grandfather made to the citizens of Lincoln in these words:—

Henry King of the English and Duke of the Normans and Aquitanians and Count of the Angevins to his sheriffs and ministers of Lincolnshire greeting.

I command that ye cause the foreign merchants to come to Lincoln and there to deal with their merchandize as reasonably and justly as they were wont to deal in the time of King Henry my grandfather, lest my provosts of Lincoln lose my royal customs.

Witness: Richard de Lucy at Woodstock.

We therefore willing that this very command be observed by the aforesaid our citizens as well for the preservation of our lawful right as for that of the

mercatores forinsecos ad villam predictam venire faciat et ibi facere mercaturas suas ita rationabiliter et juste sicut facere solebant temporibus predictorum Henrici Regis senioris Henrici Regis avi nostri, necnon et Ricardi Regis auunculi nostri et Johannis Regis patris nostri et etiam tempore nostro usque primam transfretacionem nostram in Britanniam. Et concedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod hoc eisdem ciuibus amodo obseruetur per forisfacturam nostram decem librarum. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste meipso apud Windelesoram septimo die Marcii anno regni nostri quadragesimo sexto.

same citizens command that ye cause the foreign merchants to come to the town aforesaid and there to deal with their merchandize as reasonably and justly as they were wont to deal in the times of the aforesaid kings Henry the elder King Henry our grandfather and also King Richard our uncle and King John our father and also in our time until our first passage over the sea into Brittany.

And we grant for ourselves and our heirs that this be observed forthwith by the same citizens under our penalty of ten pounds.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Windsor on the seventh day of March in the forty-sixth year of our reign.

CHARTER OF KING HENRY III.

[12 February, 56th year, 1272.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitannie Archiepiscopis. Episcopis. Abbatibus. Prioribus. Comitibus. Baronibus. Justiciariis. Vicecomitibus. Prepositis. Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Sciatis quod cum per cartam nostram quam inspeximus concesserimus ciuibus nostris Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra ciuitatem Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus exceptis monetariis et ministris nostris Nos eisdem ciuibus gratiam ampliorem ad ipsorum instanciam facere volentes ✓ concessimus eis et hac carta nostra confirmauimus quod omnia placita ciuitatis ejusdem et non alia decetero placitentur et teneantur in aula placitorum ciuitatis ejusdem que Gyldehalle vocitatur et non alibi contra voluntatem ciuium ipsorum vel successorum suorum exceptis placitis de tenuris exterioribus et monetariis ac ministris nostris. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod omnia placita ciuitatis ejusdem in aula predicta placi-

HENRY by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, provosts, ministers and all his bailiffs and faithful men greeting.

Know ye that whereas by our charter which we have inspected we have granted to our citizens of Lincoln that no one of them plead without the city of Lincoln concerning any plea except the pleas of outer tenures excepting our moneyers and ministers: We willing to bestow on the same citizens a more ample grace at their instance have granted to them and by this our charter confirmed that all pleas of the same city and not others from henceforth be pleaded and held in the hall of the pleas of the same city which is called the Guildhall and not elsewhere against the will of those citizens or their successors except the pleas of outer tenures and our moneyers and ministers.

Wherefore we will and firmly enjoin for ourselves and our heirs that all pleas of the same city from henceforth be pleaded and held in the aforesaid

torum decetero placitentur et teneantur et non alibi contra voluntatem eorundem ciuium vel successorum suorum exceptis placitis de tenuris exterioribus ac monetariis et ministris nostris sicut predictum est imperpetuum.

Hiis testibus, venerabili patre W. Eboracensi Archiepiscopo Anglie primate. Roberto Aguillon. Elia de Rabayne. Petro de Chauent. Stephano de Eddeworthe. Matheo de Louaine. Willelmo de Sancta Eremina. Petro Euerard. Rogero de Wautone et aliis.

Data per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Februarij anno regni nostri quinquagesimo sexto.

hall of the pleas and not elsewhere against the will of the same citizens or their successors except the pleas of outer tenures and our moneyers and ministers as is aforesaid for ever.

These being witnesses: the venerable father W[alter]¹ Archbishop of York, Primate of England, Robert Aguillon, Elias de Rabaigne, Peter de Chavent, Stephen de Eddeworthe, Matthew de Lovaine, William de St Eremina, Peter Everard, Roger de Wautone and others.

Dated by our hand at Westminster on the twelfth day of February in the fifty-sixth year of our reign.

¹ Walter Giffard, 1265—1279.

CHARTER OF KING EDWARD I.

[25 February, 29th year, 1301.]

[This inspects the charter of 20 April, 11 Hen. 3.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memorie Dominus Henricus quondam Rex Anglorum proavus noster fecit ciuibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

Henricus Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum omnibus Norrensibus qui veniunt ad portum de Grimesby vel ad alios portus meos de Lincolnscira salutem.

Precipio quod faciatis Prepositis meis Lincolnie omnes rectitudines et consuetudines quas solebatis facere tempore Regis Henrici avi mei Prepositis Lincolnie. Et prohibeo ne quis vestrum detineat eis theloneum vel aliam consuetudinem injuste super decem librarum forisfacturam.

1. EDWARD by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine to the Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Provosts, Ministers and all his Bailiffs and faithful men greeting.

1. We have inspected the charter which the Lord Henry of illustrious memory formerly King of England our great-grandfather made to the citizens of Lincoln in these words.

Henry King of England and Duke of the Normans and Aquitanians and Count of the Angevins to all the men of Norway who come to the port of Grimsby or to other my ports of Lincolnshire greeting.

I command that ye yield to my provosts of Lincoln all the rights and customs which ye were wont to yield in the time of King Henry my grandfather to the Provosts of Lincoln. And I forbid that any one of you withhold from them toll or other custom unjustly under penalty of ten pounds.

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Teste W. filio Johannis apud Wirecestriam.

Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam idem Proauus noster fecit predictis ciuibus in hec verba.

Henricus Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum vicecomitibus et Ministris suis de Lincolnsira salutem.

Precipio quod faciatis forinsecos Mercatores venire ad Lincolniam, et ibi facere mercaturas suas ita rationabiliter et juste sicut facere solebant tempore Regis Henrici aui mei. Ne prepositi mei Lincolnie amittant meas regales consuetudines.

Teste Ricardo de Lucy apud Wodestoc.

Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam idem Proauus noster fecit predictis Ciuibus in hec verba.

Henricus Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum Episcopo Lincolnensi et Justiciariis et Vicecomitibus et Baronibus de Lincolnia et de Lincolnsira salutem.

Precipio quod nullus mercator qui sit extraneus et deforis sit residens in Lincolnia pro tingendis pannis suis vel vendendis ad taleam nisi illi tantum qui sunt in gilda et ad omnes consuetudines ville et qui reddunt Gelda mea cum eis sicuti solebant tempore Henrici Regis.

Witness : W. son of John at Worcester.

1. We have also inspected a certain other charter which the same our great-grandfather made to the aforesaid citizens in these words.

Henry King of the English [and so on as in the charter of King Henry III, 7 March, 46th year, ending]

Witness : Richard de Lucy at Woodstock.

1. We have also inspected a certain other charter which the same our great-grandfather made to the aforesaid citizens in these words.

Henry King of the English and Duke of the Normans and Aquitanians and Count of the Angevins to the Bishop of Lincoln and the Justices and Sheriffs and Barons of Lincoln and of Lincolnshire greeting.

I command that no merchant who is a stranger and foreign be resident in Lincoln for dyeing his cloths or for selling them by tale, but those only who are in the guild and rated to all the customs of the town and who yield my gelds with them as they were wont so to do in the time of King Henry.

Testibus Reginaldo Comite Cornubie. H. de Essex Constabulario. Ricardo de Humez.

Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam idem proauus noster fecit predictis Ciuibus in hec verba.

Henricus Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum Episcopo Lincolnensi et Justiciariis et Vicecomitibus et Baronibus Lincolnie et Lincolnscire salutem.

Precipio quod omnes illi qui de mercato viuunt et mercatum deducunt infra quatuor diuisas que pertinent Ciuitati Lincolnie reddant communiter cum Ciuibus meis Lincolnie Gelda mea et assisas Ciuitatis sicut reddere solent tempore Regis Henrici et sicut iuste cum eis esse debent in cuiuscunque terra maneant.

Testibus. Reginaldo Comite Cornubie, Henrico de Essex Constabulario, Ricardo de Humez. apud Notingham.

Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam celebris memorie Dominus Ricardus quondam Rex Anglorum consanguineus noster fecit predictis ciuibus in hec verba.

Ricardus Dei gratia Rex Anglorum Dux Normannorum, Aqi-

Witnesses: Reginald Earl of Cornwall, H[enry] de Essex, Constable, Richard de Humez.

1. We have also inspected a certain other charter which the same our great-grandfather made to the aforesaid citizens in these words.

Henry King of the English and Duke of the Normans and Aquitanians and Count of the Angevins to the Bishop of Lincoln and the Justices and Sheriffs and Barons of Lincoln and of Lincolnshire greeting.

I command that all those who live by the market and frequent the market within the four wards which appertain to the city of Lincoln are to yield in common with my citizens of Lincoln my gelds and assizes of the city as they used to yield them in the time of King Henry and as they ought to be justly with them in whosoever land they dwell.

Witnesses: Reginald Earl of Cornwall, Henry of Essex, Constable, Richard de Humez. At Nottingham.

1. We have also inspected a certain other charter which the Lord Richard of illustrious memory formerly King of the English our kinsman made to the aforesaid citizens in these words:

Richard by the grace of God King [and so on as in the charter of King Richard I, 23 April, 5th year, ending] in the fifth year of our reign. (But the following clause differs slightly.)

tanorum, Comes Andegavorum, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus, Ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis tam francis quam Anglis salutem.

Sciatis nos concessisse Ciuibus nostris Lincolnie, quod nullus eorum placitet extra Ciuitatem Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus, exceptis Monetariis et Ministris nostris. Concessimus eciam eis quietanciam murdri infra Ciuitatem et in portsocha, et quod nullus eorum faciat duellum, et quod de placitis ad coronam pertinentibus se possint dirationare secundum consuetudinem ciuium Ciuitatis Londonie, et quod infra Ciuitatem illam nemo capiat hospicium per vim vel per liberationem Marescalli. Hoc etiam eis concessimus, quod omnes Ciues Lincolnie sint quieti de theolonce et lestagio per totam Anglie et per portus Maris, et quod nullus de misericordia pecunie iudicetur nisi secundum legem quam habent Ciues nostri Londonie, et quod in Ciuitate illa in nullo placito sit meskenninga, et quod Burwaremot semel tantum in ebdomada teneatur, et quod terras et tenuras et vadia sua et debita sua omnia iuste habeant quicumque eis debeat, et de terris suis et tenuris que infra Ciuitatem sunt ✓ rectum eis teneatur secundum consuetudinem Ciuitatis, et de omnibus debitis suis que accommodata fuerint apud Lincolniam et de vadiis ibidem factis ✓ placita apud Lincolniam teneantur. Et si quis in tota Anglia teloneum vel consuetudinem ab hominibus Lincolnie ceperit, postquam ipse a recto defecerit ✓ prepositus Lincolnie namium apud Lincolniam capiat. Insuper eciam ad emendacionem illius Ciuitatis eis concessimus quod quieti sint de Bridtol et de Cildwite et de Gieresgieue et de Scotale. Ita quod prepositus nec alius Balliuis scotalam faciat. Has predictas consuetudines eis concessimus et omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines quas habuerunt vel habeant Ciues nostri Londonie quando meliores vel liberiores habuerunt, secundum libertates Londonie et leges Ciuitatis Lincolnie. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod ipsi et heredes eorum hec omnia predicta habeant et teneant hereditarie de nobis et heredibus nostris, reddendo per annum nouies viginti libras numero de Lincolnia cum omnibus pertinentiis ad Scaccarium nostrum duobus terminis ad Pascha scilicet et ad festum Sancti Michaelis per manum prepositi Lincolnie. Et Ciues Lincolnie faciant prepositum quem voluerint de se per annum qui sit idoneus nobis et eis.

Testibus Hiis. H. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, Willelmo Marescallo, Galfrido filio Petri, Hugone Bardolf.

Data per manum Willelmi Eliensis Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Wintoniam. xxiiij die Aprilis anno regni nostri quinto.

Inspeximus eciam quandam cartam quam celebris memorie dominus Henricus quondam Rex Anglorum pater noster fecit predictis Ciuibus in hec verba.

Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie Dux Normannorum, Aquitanorum et comes Andegavorum Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus Justiciariis, Forestariis, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Sciatis nos concessisse Ciuibus nostris Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra ciuitatem Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus, exceptis Monetariis et Ministris nostris. Concessimus eciam eis quietanciam murdri infra Ciuitatem et in portsoka, et quod nullus eorum faciat duellum, et quod de placitis ad coronam pertinentibus se possint disrationare secundum consuetudinem quam ciues Ciuitatis Londonie habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis aui nostri. Et quod infra Ciuitatem Lincolnie nemo capiat hospicium per vim vel per liberationem Marescalli. Hoc eciam eis concessimus, quod omnes Ciues Lincolnie sint quieti de theloneo et lestagio per totam Angliam et per portus Maris, et quod nullus de misericordia pecunie iudicetur nisi secundum legem quam habuerunt Ciues nostri Londonie tempore predicti Henrici Regis Aui

These being the witnesses: Hubert¹ Archbishop of Canterbury, William Marshal, Geoffrey son of Peter, Hugh Bardolf.

Dated by the hand of William² Bishop of Ely our Chancellor at Winchester on the twenty-third day of April in the fifth year of our reign.

1. We have also inspected a certain charter which the Lord Henry of illustrious memory formerly King of the English our father made to the aforesaid citizens in these words.

Henry by the grace of God King [and so on as in the charter of King Henry III, 20 April 111th year, ending] in the eleventh year of our reign.

¹ Hubert Walter, *ob.* 1205.

² William de Longchamp, 1189—1197.

nostri, et quod in Ciuitate illa in nullo placito sit meskenninga, et quod Burewaremot semel tantum in ebdomada teneatur, et quod terras et tenuras et vadia sua et debita sua omnia iuste habeant quicunque eis debeat, et de terris suis et tenuris que infra ciuitatem sunt ✓ rectum eis teneatur, secundum consuetudinem Ciuitatis, et de omnibus debitis suis que a[c]commodata fuerint apud Lincolniam et de vadiis ibidem factis ✓ placitum apud Lincolniam teneatur. Prohibemus eciam ne quis ab eis theloneum vel consuetudinem capiat in Anglia de hiis que ad nos pertinent super forisfacturam decem librarum, saluis in omnibus libertatibus Ciuitatis Londonie. Et si quis in tota Anglia theloneum vel consuetudinem ab hominibus Lincolnie ceperit, postquam ipse a recto defecerit, prepositus Lincolnie namium apud Lincolniam capiat. Insuper eciam ad emendacionem illius Ciuitatis eis concessimus, quod sint quieti de Bridtol et de Chilwite et de Gieresgieue et scotale, ita quod prepositi nec alii Balliui scotalam faciant. Has predictas consuetudines eis concessimus et omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines secundum libertates Londonie et leges Ciuitatis Lincolnie quas habuerunt ciues nostri Londonie quando meliores vel liberiores habuerunt tempore predicti Henrici Regis aui nostri vel habent. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod ipsi et heredes eorum hec omnia predicta habeant et teneant hereditarie de nobis et heredibus nostris, reddendo per annum Nouies viginti libras numero de Lincolnia cum omnibus pertinentiis ad Scaccarium nostrum duobus terminis ad Pascha scilicet et ad festum sancti Michaelis per manus prepositorum Lincolnie. Preterea volumus et concedimus, quod iidem Ciues nostri Lincolnie per commune consilium Ciuitatis eligant duos de legalioribus ciuibus Lincolnie et presentent eos Capitali Iusticiario apud Westmonasterium, qui bene et fideliter custodiant preposituram Ciuitatis Lincolnie, et non amoveantur, quamdiu in Balliua sua se bene gesserint, nisi per commune consilium Ciuitatis sue. Volumus eciam quod in eadem Ciuitate Lincolnie per commune consilium Ciuium eligantur quatuor de legalioribus et discretioribus Ciuitatis ad custodienda placita corone et alia que ad nos et ad coronam nostram pertinent in eadem Ciuitate, et ad videndum quod prepositi illius Ciuitatis iuste et legitime tractent tam pauperes quam diuites. Concessimus eciam eis gildam suam mercatoriam de hominibus Ciuitatis et de aliis Mercatoribus Comitatus, sicut illam habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis Aui nostri.

Et ut omnes homines qui infra quatuor diuisas Ciuitatis manent et mercatum deducunt sint ad geldas et consuetudines et assisas Ciuitatis sicut melius fuerunt tempore predicti Henrici Regis Aui nostri. Concessimus eciam eis, quod si aliquis natiuus manserit in Ciuitate nostra Lincolnie per unum annum et unum diem sine calumpnia extunc inantea remaneat in pace in Ciuitate nostra Lincolnie sicut Ciuis noster, sicut carte predicti Henrici Regis Aui nostri et domini Ricardi Regis Auunculi nostri et domini Johannis Regis patris nostri quas inde habent rationabiliter testantur.

Hiis testibus. W. Carliolensi. G. Eliensi. Th. Norwicensi Episcopis. H. de Burgo Comite Kancie Justiciario nostro. G. Comite Gloucestrie et Hertfordie. Henrico de Aldithelege, Nicholao de Verdun. Osberto Giffard. Radulpho filio Nicholai. Ricardo de Argentein senescallis nostris. Henrico de Capella. Theobaldo Pincerna, G. de Craucumba, et aliis.

Data per manus venerabilis patris domini Radulphi Cicestrensis Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Westmonasterium, xx. die Aprilis, anno regni nostri vndecimo.

Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam cartam quam predictus pater noster fecit predictis Ciuibus in hec verba.

Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanorum, Vicecomitibus et Ministris suis Comitatus Lincolnie salutem.

Inspeximus litteras quas dominus Henricus Rex auus noster fecit Ciuibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

Henricus Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum vicecomitibus et Ministris suis de Lincolnsira salutem.

Precipio quod faciatis forinsecos mercatores venire ad Lincolniam et ibi facere mercaturas suas ita rationabiliter et iuste sicut facere solebant tempore Regis Henrici aui mei. Ne prepositi mei Lincolnie amittant meas regales consuetudines.

1. We have also inspected a certain other charter which the aforesaid our father made to the aforesaid citizens in these words :

Henry by the grace of God King [and so on as in the charter of King Henry III, 7th March, 46th year, ending] in the forty-sixth year of our reign.

Teste Ricardo de Lucy apud Wodestoc.

Nos igitur prefatis Ciuibus nostris hoc ipsum tam in conseruationem iuris nostri quam iuris eorundem volentes obseruari ✓ precipimus, quod mercatores predictos ad villam predictam venire faciatis, et ibi facere mercaturas suas ita rationabiliter et iuste sicut facere solebant temporibus predictorum Henrici Regis senioris, Henrici Regis Aui nostri, necnon et Ricardi Regis auunculi nostri et Johannis Regis patris nostri et eciam tempore nostro vsque primam transfretacionem nostram in Britanniam. Et concedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod hoc eisdem Ciuibus amodo obseruetur super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Windelesoram. vij die Martii anno regni nostri quadragesimo sexto.

Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam predictus pater noster fecit eisdem Ciuibus in hec verba.

Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanorum, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus, prepositis, Ministris, et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Sciatis quod cum per cartam nostram quam inspeximus, concesserimus Ciuibus nostris Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra Ciuitatem Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus, exceptis Monetariis et Ministris nostris ✓ Nos eisdem Ciuibus gratiam ampliorem ad ipsorum instanciam facere volentes ✓ concessimus eis et hac carta nostra confirmauimus quod omnia placita Ciuitatis eiusdem et non alia decetero placitentur et teneantur in aula placitorum Ciuitatis eiusdem que Gildehalle vocitatur, et non alibi contra voluntatem Ciuium ipsorum vel successorum suorum, exceptis placitis de tenuris exterioribus et Monetariis ac Ministris nostris. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris,

1. We have also inspected a certain other charter which the aforesaid our father made to the same citizens in these words.

Henry by the grace of God King [and so on as in the charter of King Henry III, 12 February, 56th year, ending] in the fifty-sixth year of our reign.

quod omnia placita Ciuitatis eiusdem in aula predicta placitorum decetero placitentur et teneantur et non alibi contra voluntatem eorundem Ciuium vel successorum suorum, exceptis placitis de tenuris exterioribus ac Monetariis et Ministris nostris sicut predictum est imperpetuum.

Hiis testibus venerabili patre W. Eboracensi Archiepiscopo Anglie Primate, Roberto Aguillon, Elia de Rabayne, Petro de Chauent, Stephano de Eddeworthe, Matheo de Louaine, Willelmo de sancta Eremina, Petro Euerard, Rogero de Wauton et aliis.

Data per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium. xij. die Februarii, anno regni nostri quinquagesimo sexto.

Nos autem donationes, concessiones et confirmationes predictas, ratas habentes et gratas ✓ eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris predictis Ciuibus et successoribus suis Ciuibus eiusdem Ciuitatis concedimus et confirmamus ✓ sicut carte et littere predictae rationabiliter testantur. Et si forte iidem Ciues aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum in dictis Cartis et litteris contentarum hactenus plene vsi non fuerint ✓ nichilominus volumus et concedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod iidem Ciues et successores sui predicti libertate vel libertatibus illis decetero gaudeant et vtantur. Concessimus insuper pro nobis et heredibus nostris eisdem Ciuibus, quod ipsi et successores sui predicti imperpetuum sint quieti de muragio, pauagio, pontagio, wharuagio, stallagio et terragio per totum regnum nostrum et totam terram ac potestatem nostram.

1. We therefore having ratified and gratified the donations, grants and confirmations aforesaid, grant and confirm them for ourselves and our heirs to the aforesaid citizens and their successors citizens of the same city, just as the charters and letters aforesaid reasonably bear witness. And if perchance the same citizens have not hitherto fully used any one or more of the liberties contained in the said charters and letters nevertheless we will and grant for ourselves and our heirs that the same citizens and their successors aforesaid may from henceforth enjoy and use that liberty or those liberties.

We have moreover granted for ourselves and our heirs to the same citizens that they and their successors aforesaid be for ever quit of murage, pavage, pontage, wharfage, stallage and terrage throughout the whole of our realm and the whole of our land and dominion.



Great Seal of King Edward I
(See page 27)

Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus. R. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, A. Dunelmensi J. Lincolnensi. W. Couentrensi et Lichefeldensi, et J. Karliolensi Episcopis. Johanne de Warennā Surrie, Thoma Lancastrie, Rogero Le Bigod Norffolcie Marescallo Anglie, Guidone de bello campo Warrewici et Radulpho de Monte Hermerij Gloucestrie et Hertfordie Comitibus, Johanne de Britannia, Johanne de Sancto Johanne, Johanne de Segraue, Reginaldo de Grey, Johanne de Hastings, Waltero de Bello campo Senescallo Hospicii nostri, Petro de Tatintona, et aliis.

Data per manum nostram apud Lincolniam vicesimo quinto die Februarij, anno regni nostri Vicesimo Nono.

Per finem factum coram Thesau-
rario Sumery.

The great seal, in green wax, imperfect, is appended by plaited strands of red silk.

These being the witnesses: the venerable fathers R[obert]¹ Archbishop of Canterbury, A[nthony]² Bishop of Durham, J[ohn]³ Bishop of Lincoln, W[alter]⁴ Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, and J[ohn]⁵ Bishop of Carlisle, John de Warenne Earl of Surrey, Thomas Earl of Lancaster, Roger Le Bigod Earl of Norfolk, Marshal of England, Guy de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick, and Ralph de Monthermer Earl of Gloucester and Hertford, John de Bretagne, John de St John, John de Segrave, Reginald de Grey, John de Hastings, Walter de Beauchamp Steward of our household, Peter de Tatintone, and others.

Dated by our hand at Lincoln on the twenty-fifth day of February, in the twenty-ninth year of our reign.

By fine made before the
Treasurer Sumery.

¹ Robert de Winchelsea, *ob.* 1313.

² Anthony de Beck, 1283—1311.

³ John de Aldreby, *ob.* 1320.

⁴ Walter de Langton, *ob.* 1321.

⁵ John de Halaughton or Halton, *ob.* 1324.

ORDINANCES OF KING EDWARD II.

[1 May, 19th year, 1326.]

EDWARD par la grace de dieu Roy Dengleterre seigneur Dirland et Ducs Daquitayne. Au Meire de sa Cite de Nicole ✓ salutz.

Nous vous maundoms fermement enioignantz qe les choses desouthz escrites ordeinez par nous et nostre conseil por comun profit et esement du poeple de tut nostre Roialme et poair facez crier et publier et fermement tenir et garder en nostre Cite auaunt dite et par tut en vostre baillie.

¶ Primies qe Lestaple des Marchauntz et de Marchaundises Dengleterre | Irlaund | et Gales nomement des leines | quirs | peaux | Launtz et destenn soit tenuez en meimes les terres et nule part aillours et ceo en les lieux desoutz ditz | cest a sauoir a Noefchastel sur Tynne | Euerwyke | Nicole | Norwiz | Loundres | Wyncestre | Exestre | et Bristuit pur Engleterre | Diuelyn | Droughda | et Corke | pur Irlaund | Salopesbure | Kermerdyn | et Kaerdyfe. pur Gales | et pur Lestenn de Cornewaill a Lostwrthiel et Trewrewe et pur Lestenn

EDWARD by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine to the mayor of his city of Lincoln, greeting.

We command you firmly enjoining that you cause to be proclaimed and published and to be firmly held and kept in our city aforesaid and by all in your bailiwick the matters hereafter written ordained by us and our council for the common profit and benefit of the people of all our realm and power.

Firstly, that the staple of the merchants and of merchandise of England, Ireland and Wales, that is of wools, hides, skins, timber (?)¹ and tin, be holden in the same lands and in no other place whatever, and that is to be in the places mentioned below, that is to say at Newcastle upon Tyne, York, Lincoln, Norwich, London, Winchester, Exeter, and Bristol for England, Dublin, Drogheda, and Cork for Ireland, Shrewsbury, Carmarthen, and Cardiff for Wales, and for the tin of Cornwall at Lostwithiel and Truro

¹ This word is doubtful. Godefroy gives *Laungne*, wood, and *Lange*, wool, but throws no light on *Launtz*. Wool appears to be comprehended in the previous *lynes*. It will be noticed that *Launtz* is dropped further on where the remaining articles are enumerated.

de Deueneshire a Aysperton et noun pas aillours | en Engleterre | Irlaund | ou Gales. ¶ Et qe totes gentz aliens picussent illukes et ne pas aillours en Engleterre Irlaund ou Gales fraunchement achater et quere leines | quirs | et peaux | et autres marchaundises | et a Asperton | et Lostwithill et Trewrew estenn et ne pas aillurs | et quele houre qils eient achatez lours marchaundises as ditz lieux et en la fourme susdite | et paieiz lours custumes | et eient sur lettres sealles du seal du Coket peussent les dites leines | quirs | peaux | estenn | et autres marchaundises mener en quele terre queux voillent si ceo ne soit en terre qe soit de Guerre | ou en enemite de vers nous ou nostre Roialme | et qe les marchauntz estraunges | soient de ceo garniz.

¶ Et qe nul alien par luy ne par autre priuement ne apertement peusse par aillours achater leines ou autres marchaundises susdites forsqe as ditz lieux sur forfeiture des leines ou autres marchaundises susdites qil auera issint achate.

¶ Et qe les marchaunz Dengleterre | Irlaund | et Gales qe voilent mener Leines | quirs | peaux | ou Estenn hors des Estaples par aillurs a vendre ne les peussunt pas mener des Estaples hors de nostre poer taunk qils eient demourez par quinze iours a ascun des

and for the tin of Devonshire at Ashburton and not elsewhere in England, Ireland, or Wales.

And that all alien persons may thereat and not elsewhere in England, Ireland or Wales freely buy and seek wools, hides and skins and other merchandise and at Ashburton and Lostwithiel and Truro tin and not elsewhere, and in that hour that they have bought their merchandise at the said places and in the form abovesaid and paid their customs and had the letters sealed with the seal of the Coket, they may take the said wools, hides, skins, tin, and other merchandise to what land they will provided it be not into a land which may be at war or in enmity against us or our realm, and that the foreign merchants be hereof notified.

And that no alien by himself or by another privily or openly may elsewhere buy wools or other the merchandise abovesaid except in the said places under penalty of forfeiture of the wools and other the merchandise abovesaid which he shall thus have bought.

And that the merchants of England, Ireland and Wales who wish to carry wools, hides, skins, or tin out of the staples to other places to sell them, may not take them from the staples out of our power until after they have lain for fifteen days in any one of the staples for sale, and thereafter they

Estaples a vendre | et des adunkes aillent oue les dites marchaundises la ou ils voillent | sauntz Estaple faire ou tenir nule part hors des dites terres ne deintz les dites terres | aillurs qe as lieux desusditz.

¶ Et qe totes gentz Dengleterre Irlaund et Gales peussent leines et totes autres marchaundises vendre et achater quele part qil voillent en les dites terres | issint qe la vente ne se face mie as aliens forsque a les Estaples et qe leines | quirs | peaux | et Estenn ne soient nule part menes hors des dites terres par aliens ne denzens forqe des Estaples auauntedites.

¶ Et qe les marchaunz de nostre poer ne facent entre eux conspiracie | ne confederacion pur amenuser le pris des Leines ou des autres marchaundises susdites ne pur dislaier marchauntz estraunges en la chat | ou vente | de lur marchaundises | et ceux qe le ferrunt et de ceo peussent estre attainz ✓ soient graument puniz solomẽ le ordeinement de nous et de nostre bon conseil. ¶ Et qe checun soit resceu pur nous qe sure vodra pur tieux atteindre et punir | et soit tele sute faite deuantt nous chiefs Justices ou autres qe nous vodrums a ce assigner et ne mie aillurs. Et qe les marchauntz et les gentz de Gascoigne et de la Duche de Gyenne qe sunt ores ou pur temps

may go with the said merchandise whither they will without making staple or holding any part without or within the said lands elsewhere than at the places abovesaid.

And that all the people of England, Ireland and Wales may sell and buy wools and all other merchandise whensoever they will in the said lands provided that the sale be not made in any wise to the aliens except at the staples, and that wools, hides, skins and tin be in no wise taken out of the said lands by aliens or denizens except from the staples aforesaid.

And that the merchants under our rule may not make conspiracy or confederation for lowering the price of the wools or of other the merchandise abovesaid nor for delaying merchant strangers in the buying or selling of their merchandise. And those who do this and can be convicted thereof are to be heavily punished in accordance with the ordinance of us and of our good council.

And that every one be received by us who would stand for convicting and punishing such persons, and let such suit be made before our chief justices or others whom we would assign for this purpose and not otherwise. And that the merchants and the people of Gascony and of the Duchy of Guienne who now are or from time to time shall be in fealty and

serrunt de la foi et la obeisaunce de nous ou de nostre fiz et heir soient tenuz denzeyns et noun pas aliens en tutes cetes bosoignes.

¶ Et qe touz marchauntz priuez et estraunges soient demenez par la ley marchaunde | en totes choses qe touchent marchaundise faite as lieux des Estaples.

¶ Et qe nul homme ne femme de Burgh ne de Cite ne la comune des gentz hors de Burgh ou de Cite en Engleterre Irlaunde ou Gales a pres Noel prochein auenir vsent drap de lur achat demeyne qe serra achate a pres la dite feste de Noel | si ceo ne soit drap fait en Engleterre Ir[^l]aund ou Gales sur greue forfeiture et punisement sicome nous par nostre bon consail vodrums sur ceo ordeiner. ¶ Et fet a sauer qe totes gens serrunt entenduz de la comune en cest cas | fors pris Roy et Royne Countes et Baruns chiualers et dames et lur enfaunz neez despouse | Erceueques euesques et autres persones et gentz de seint esglise e seculers. qui purrunt despendre par an de lur rentes quaraunte liueres des esterlings. et ceo iesques attaunt qil pleise a nous par nostre bon consail cest ordeinement et defens plus auant estendre.

¶ Et qe checun home et femme dengleterre Ir[^l]aund et Gales peuse faire draps auxi longs et auxi courtz come ils vodrunt.

obedience to us or our son and heir be held to be denizens and not aliens in all these matters.

And that all merchants privy and stranger be subject to the merchant law in all things which touch merchandise made at the places of the staples.

And that no man or woman of borough or city or community of the people without borough or city in England, Ireland or Wales after Christmas next ensuing use cloth of their own proper buying which shall be bought after the said feast of Christmas if it be not cloth made in England, Ireland or Wales under heavy penalty of forfeiture and punishment as we by our good counsel will to ordain in this behalf.

And be it known that all persons shall be taken to belong to the community in this respect except king and queen, earls and barons, knights and dames and their offspring born in wedlock, archbishops, bishops and other personages and people of holy church and seculars who can expend yearly of their rents forty pounds sterling, and this until it please us by our good counsel to extend the ordinance and prohibition hereafter.

And that every man and woman of England, Ireland and Wales may make cloths as long and as short as they will.

¶ Et qe gentz eient plus graunt volunte de laburrer les ouereignes des draps en Engleterre Ir[1]aund et Gales nous volums qe totes gentz sachent qe nous graunterums fraunchises couenables as folours telers teynturers et as autres ouerurs des draps qe de cest mester souereinement vivent quele hure qe teles fraunchises nous soient demaundez.

¶ Et qe graunte soit as marchauntz des leines qe eux eient un Mair des susdites estaples.

¶ Et qe touz marchauntz estraunges eient plus graunte volunte de venir sur nostre poer et y puissent plus sauement demurrer et retourner nous les pernomms corps et biens en nostre proteccion | et defendoms sur greue forfaiture qe nul lur face mal ne damage en corps ne en biens en uenaunt demurraunt ou returnaunt | issint qe si ascuns les fasent damage countre ces proteccion et defens | ceux de la ville dount les mefesours serrunt soient tenuz a respundre des damages ...u des corps des mesfaisours et qe meire ou ballifs des villes ou nauie est preignent seurte pur quele ils vodrunt respundre a lur peril des mariners qe mesme la nauie chescune foitz qil istrunt hors de Hauene qil ne mesferrunt ne mesporterunt vers nuli countre

And that people may have greater will to be employed at the works on cloths in England, Ireland and Wales we will that all people should know that we will grant franchises suitable to fullers, weavers, dyers and to the other the workers of cloths who principally live by this business the same hour that such franchises be asked of us.

And that it be granted to the wool merchants that they may have a mayor of the staples aforesaid.

And that all merchant strangers may have greater will to come under our government and may be able there more safely to sojourn and return we do take them body and goods under our protection and forbid under penalty of heavy forfeiture that any one do them harm or damage in body or goods in coming, sojourning or returning, so that if any do them damage contrary to these the protection and prohibition, the people of the town whereunto the malefactors belong be held responsible for the damages upon the bodies of the malefactors, and that the mayor or bailiffs of the towns where the ship is are to take surety for him whom they will be answerable for at their peril, of the mariners of the same ship whensoever they go forth out of the harbour, that they will not act badly nor behave themselves badly towards any one in disobedience of these articles.

ces articles. En tesmoignaunce de queux choses cestes nos lettres ouertes auoms fait ensealer de nostre seal. Donetz a Kenylworth' le prime iour de May. lan de nostre Roialme dis et neuisme.

per ipsum Regem et consilium.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters patent to be sealed with our seal.

Dated at Kenilworth the first day of May in the nineteenth year of our reign.

By the king himself and
the council.

CONSTITUTIONS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN.

[Not dated.]

Constitutiones Civitatis Lincolnie.

[P]URUEU est | ordiné et establi par le Commun cunsail de la Cite de Nicole pur lenprument nostre seignior le Rey de Engleterre de sa custume de leynes et pur le profit de meismes la Cite | ke les leynes de Lyndeseye | de Kestuen | et du Clay soient ensemlemys ensemvendues. | Et les leynes de autre paijs oueokes les leynes auandites ne soient medléez en nule maniere. | Mes soient celes laynes vendues chescun par sey. Ke point en ad pur tele ✓ quele ele est. || Et ky le face et soit atteynt ✓ Les Baylifs de la Cite prendrunt a chescun sacke. xx. soł. la moyte a la féérme le Rey | et autre moyte a les Cytezeines pur les fraunchises maynteny.

Vncor est ordiné de meismes ceous qe nul face trier ne horsprendre la bone leyne de la mééne. Mes ausi com il la chat en le paijs ✓ issi la mustre as Marchaunds. et ensi soit vendue en cuche et en sacke sur meismes la payne auandite.

It is provided, ordained and established by the common council of the city of Lincoln for the approval of our lord the King of England in the matter of his customs of wools and for the profit of the same city that the wools of Lindsey, of Kesteven, and of the Clay be put together and sold together and that the wools of other places be not mingled with the wools aforesaid in any wise. But let those wools be sold each by itself, that none thereof be taken but for that which it is. And whosoever thus offends and is convicted, the bailiffs of the city are to fine him for each sack twenty shillings, the one moiety to the king's farm and the other moiety to the citizens for maintenance of their franchises.

Furthermore, it is ordained concerning the same persons that no one shall cause to be sorted or separated the good wool from the inferior wool. But just as he buys it in the country so let him show it to the merchants and so et it be sold in layer and in sack under the same penalty as is aforesaid.

Vncor est ordinée qe nul marchaund de la Cite, de laynes de Lyndeseye, de Ketsteuen et du Clay ne face mettre par luy ne par nul autre en Cuche ne en sacke Coth, ne garth ne vylain tuisun sur la payne auandite.

Ne ke nul de la Cyte ne autre vende layne a forayn Marchand ✓ si noun par la trone le Roy. | Et ky le fet et soit atteynt ✓ Le Baylif prendra a chescune pierre douz deners en la furme auandite.

Des fforayns marchaunds venaunz en la Cyte. est ordinée ke par la ou il achat laynes et emport la clef de la meisone ou la layne gist cum Custume est des marchaunds ✓ ke cele leyne soit la sowe cum son propre chatel sanz cuntredit del vendur ou del achatur.

Et si nul destaunz ou contecke soit entre eous aul packer de la layne ✓ soient les choses adrescez et les defautes amendez si poynt en a ✓ par la vewe de prohdesomes ke a ceo sunt assignez, ordinez, et iurez par la Communaute.

De ceous ke achatent peaus de Berbiz de la feste seinte Margarete desques a la seint Michel ✓ purueu est et ordinée ke tiele leyne desor enaauant soit vendue cum auncienement fust. Ceo est a sauoyr cum leyne qe est apelée Crakepullynġ et Cobbyngwolle.

Furthermore, it is ordained that no merchant of the city who deals in the wools of Lindsey, of Kesteven, and of the Clay shall cause to be placed, by himself or any other person, in layer or in sack, either "Coth" or "Garth" or bad fleece, under the penalty aforesaid.

And that no one of the city or otherwise sell wool to a foreign merchant except by the king's trone. And whosoever does this and is convicted the bailiff shall fine him for each stone twelve pence after the form aforesaid.

For the foreign merchant coming into the city it is ordained that where he buys wool and takes the key of the house where the wool lies, as is the custom of the merchants, in that case that wool is his as his own proper chattel without contradiction whether of the vendor or of the purchaser.

And if any discord or dispute arise between them as to the packing of the wool let the matter be put right and the default be amended if any there be by view of lawful men who are assigned, ordained and sworn for this purpose by the community.

Concerning those who purchase sheep's skins from the feast of St Margaret to that of St Michael it is provided and ordained that such wool from henceforth be sold as it was formerly: that is to say as wool which is called "Crakepullynge" and "Cobbyngwolle."

Et ke nul de la Cyte tele layne oucock' layne cullie de la saint Michel en auaunt ne face mettre ne medler en tuyson, en cuche ne en sacke. | Et ky le fet et soit atteynt ✓ a la primere fiez la layne serra foriugée a la feerme le Rey et a les Cytezeyns par ouwel porciun. | Et al autre fiez ✓ la layne serra ars a ses custages deuaunt sa meisone ✓ cum chose atteynte de fausine.

Purueu est ensement ke nul de la Cyte mustre ne vende laynes en les seysons del an a nul fforayn marchaund ✓ gesques a taunt ke les Cytezeyns éént ordinéé et purueu ke bon est a fere endroit de lur Marchandises pur le pru le Rey et la Cyte. | Ceo est a sauoir ke le iour des Innocens serra lassemblée a fere la purueyaunce pur la marchaundie del Hyuer. | Et le iour de saint Austyn pur le Estée.

Et si nul se absent et ne vient mye al assemblée a les iourz auant-nomez ✓ soit amercie a demy marke cum est auandit. Et ia le meyns la chose qe serra ordinéé serra estable ausi bien pur les absenz cum pur les presenz. | Et si nule face mustrer ou vendre encuntre la furme auandit ✓ le Baylif prendra a chescon sacke. xx. soʃ. cum est auantdit.

And that no one of the city cause such wool to be placed or mingled with wool gathered from the feast of St Michael onwards in fleece in layer or in sack. And whosoever does so and is convicted for the first time his wool shall be forfeited to the farm of the king and of the citizens in equal shares: and for the second time the wool shall be burned at his cost before his house as a thing convicted of falsification.

Moreover, it is provided that no one of the city shall show or sell wools in the seasons of the year to any foreign merchant until the citizens have ordained and appointed that it is good to take its place in their merchandise for the advantage of the king and of the city. That is to say, that on the Day of the [Holy] Innocents there shall be a meeting to fix the provision for the winter merchandise, and on the day of St Augustine for the summer merchandise.

And if any one absent himself and comes not at all to the meeting on the aforesaid days let him be fined half a mark as is aforesaid. And in every respect the matter which shall be ordained shall be observed as well by those absent as by those present. And if any one causes wool to be shown or sold against the aforesaid regulation the bailiff is to fine him for each sack twenty shillings as is aforesaid.

Des abbrokeurs est purueu et ordinéé ke ceus ke sunt de la Cyte soient Jurez en tiele furme ke il serrunt feaus et liaus au Rey et a la Cyte. Et ke il liaument celerunt le conseil et les priuetez de la Cyte. Et nul marchaund fforayn pur marchander hors de la Cyte amenrout. Et qe nul abbrokeur achate nule manere de merz de nul fforain marchand ✓ ffors al oes les Cytezeyns de la Cyte. Sauue les choses tuitchaunz la feerme le Roy. | Et qe la ou il trouent leynes en cuche ou hors de Cuche suspecinuse ✓ encontre la furme auandite ✓ facent a sauoir au Gardayn au Mair ou as Baylifs.

Et purueu est ke tuz ces poinz auandiz soient leuz et puppliez apertement dous fiez par an ceo est a sauoir le iour des Innocenz et de seint Austyn. ke nul de la Cyte les articles auantnomeez purra desdire.

For the inspectors it is provided and ordained that those who are of the city be sworn after such manner that they will be faithful and loyal to the king and to the city; and that they will loyally keep the counsel and the private affairs of the city; and will not suffer any foreign merchant to carry on business without the city. And that no inspector buy any manner of wares from any foreign merchant except for the use of the citizens of the city saving things which relate to the king's farm. And where they find wools in layer or out of layer suspiciously against the aforesaid regulation they are to notify the same to the warden, to the mayor or to the bailiffs.

And it is provided that all these ordinances aforesaid be read and published openly twice yearly, that is to say on the Day of the [Holy] Innocents and on that of St Augustine, that no one of the city may oppose the above-named articles.

CHARTER OF KING EDWARD III.

[22 February, 4th year, 1330.]

EDWARDUS dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Sciatis nos cartam nostram dilectis nobis Maiori Ballivis et Civibus Civitatis nostre Lincolnie nuper factam inspexisse in hec verba.

Edwardus dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memorie dominus E. nuper Rex Anglie pater noster fecit Civibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

Edwardus dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux

1. EDWARD¹ by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, provosts, ministers and all his bailiffs and faithful men greeting.

Know ye that we have inspected our charter lately made to our beloved the mayor, bailiffs and citizens of our city of Lincoln in these words :

2. Edward by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, provosts, ministers and all his bailiffs and faithful men greeting.

We have inspected a charter which the Lord Edward of illustrious memory late King of England our father made to the citizens of Lincoln in these words.

3. Edward by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland and

¹ The Arabic numeration of the ensuing paragraphs in this and other later charters has been added in order to indicate the sequence (otherwise difficult to follow) of the several charters which are included in the inspection.

Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam quam dominus H. quondam Rex Angl' progenitor noster fecit Civibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

H. Rex Angl' et Dux Norm' et Aquit. et Comes Andeg' Justiciariis et Vicecomitibus suis de Lincolscire salutem.

Sciatis me liberasse Civitatem meam Lincolnie Civibus meis ejusdem Civitatis ad illam firmam ad quam solebat esse tempore .H. Regis avi mei cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus eidem Civitati pertinentibus in Civitate et extra.

Testibus Comite Reginaldo et War' filio Ger' Datum apud Stanford.

Inspeximus etiam cartam confirmacionis quam celebris memorie dominus .E. quondam Rex Anglie pater noster fecit eisdem Civibus in hec verba.

Edwardus dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus

Duke of Aquitaine, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, provosts, ministers and all his bailiffs and faithful men greeting.

We have inspected a charter which the Lord Henry formerly King of the English our ancestor made to the citizens of Lincoln in these words.

4. Henry King of the English and Duke of the Normans and Aquitanians and Count of the Angevins to his justices and sheriffs of Lincolnshire greeting.

Know ye that I have delivered my city of Lincoln to my citizens of the same city at that farm at which it used to be in the time of King Henry my grandfather with all the customs and liberties appertaining to the same city within the city and without.

Witnesses : Earl Reginald and Warine son of Gerold.

Dated at Stamford.

3. We have also inspected a charter of confirmation which the Lord Edward of illustrious memory formerly King of England our father made to the same citizens in these words.

5. Edward by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons,

Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memorie dominus Henricus quondam Rex Angl' proavus noster fecit Civibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

H. Rex Angl' et Dux Norm' et Aquit' et Comes Andeg' omnibus Norrensibus qui veniunt ad portum de Grimesby vel ad alios portus meos de Lincolscire salutem.

Precipio quod faciatis prepositis meis Lincolnie omnes rectitudines et consuetudines quas solebatis facere tempore Regis .H. avi mei prepositis Lincolnie. Et prohibeo ne quis vestrum detineat eis theoloneum vel aliam consuetudinem injuste super decem librarum forisfacturam.

Teste. W. filio Johannis apud Wirecestriam.

Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam cartam quam idem proavus noster fecit predictis Civibus in hec verba.

H. Rex Angl' et Dux Norm' et Aquit' et Comes Andeg' vicecomitibus et Ministris suis de Lincolnsira salutem.

Precipio quod faciatis forinsecos Mercatores venire ad Lincolniam et ibi facere mercaturas suas rationabiliter et juste sicut facere solebant tempore Regis .H. avi mei. Ne prepositi mei Lincolnie amittant meas regales consuetudines.

Teste Ricardo de Lucy apud Wodestoc.

justices, sheriffs, provosts, ministers and all his bailiffs and faithful men greeting.

We have inspected a charter which the Lord Henry of illustrious memory formerly King of the English our great-grandfather made to the citizens of Lincoln in these words.

6. Henry, King of the English [and so on as in the charter of King Henry II, dated at Worcester, ending] at Worcester.

We have also inspected a certain other charter which the same our great-grandfather made to the aforesaid citizens in these words.

7. Henry King of the English [and so on as in the charter of Henry II, ending] Richard de Lucy at Wodestock.

Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam idem proavus noster fecit predictis Civibus in hec verba.

H. Rex Angl' et Dux Norm' et Aquit' et Comes Andeg' Episcopo Lincolniensi et Justiciariis et Vicecomitibus et Baronibus de Lincolnia et de Lincolsira salutem.

Precipio quod nullus Mercator qui sit extraneus et deforis sit residens in Lincolnia pro tingendis pannis suis vel vendendis ad taleam nisi illi tantum qui sunt in Gilda. et ad omnes consuetudines ville et qui reddunt Gelda mea cum eis sicuti solebant tempore Henrici Regis.

Testibus. Reginaldo Comite Cornubiensi. H. de Essexia Constabulario. Ricardo de Humez.

Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam idem proavus noster fecit predictis Civibus in hec verba.

H. Rex Angl' et Dux Norm' et Aquit' et Comes Andeg' Episcopo Lincolniensi et Justiciariis et Vicecomitibus et Baronibus Lincolnie et Lincolsire salutem.

Precipio quod omnes illi qui de mercato vivunt et mercatum deducunt infra quatuor divisas que pertinent Civitati Lincolnie reddant communiter cum Civibus meis Lincolnie Gelda mea et assisas Civitatis sicut reddere solent tempore Regis .H. et sicut juste cum eis esse debent in cujuscumque terra maneant.

Testibus. Reginaldo Comite Cornubiensi. Henrico de Essexia Constabulario. Ricardo de Humez apud Nottingham.

Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam celebris memorie

We have also inspected a certain other charter which the same our great-grandfather made to the aforesaid citizens in these words.

8. Henry King of the English [and so on as in the charter of King Henry II, ending] Richard de Humez.

We have also inspected a certain other charter which the same our great-grandfather made to the aforesaid citizens in these words.

9. Henry King of the English [and so on as in the charter of King Henry II, ending] at Nottingham.

5. We have also inspected a certain other charter which the Lord Richard

dominus Ricardus quondam Rex Angl' consanguineus noster fecit predictis Civibus in hec verba.

Ricardus dei gratia Rex Angl' Dux Norm' Aquit' Comes Andeg' Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis tam Francis quam Anglis salutem.

Sciatis nos concessisse Civibus nostris Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra Civitatem Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus exceptis Monetariis et Ministris nostris. Concessimus eciam eis quietanciam murdri infra Civitatem et in Portsoca et quod nullus eorum faciat duellum, et quod de placitis ad coronam pertinentibus se possint dirationare secundum consuetudinem Civium Civitatis Londonie, et quod infra Civitatem illam nemo capiat hospicium per vim vel per liberationem Marescalli. Hoc eciam eis concessimus quod omnes Cives Lincolnie sicut quieti de theloneo et lestagio per totam Angliam et per portus maris, et quod nullus de misericordia pecunie judicetur nisi secundum legem quam habent Cives nostri Londonie, et quod in Civitate illa in nullo placito sit Meskenninga. et quod Burewaremot semel tantum in ebdomada teneatur. et quod terras et tenuras et vadia sua et debita sua omnia juste habeant quicumque eis debeat. et de terris suis et tenuris que infra civitatem sunt rectum eis teneatur secundum consuetudinem civitatis et de omnibus debitis suis que accomodata fuerint apud Lincolniam et de vadiis ibidem factis ✓ placita apud Lincolniam teneantur. Et si quis in tota Anglia teloneum vel consuetudinem ab hominibus Lincolnie ceperit, postquam ipse a recto defecerit, Prepositus Lincolnie namium apud Lincolniam capiat.

Insuper etiam ad emendacionem illius Civitatis eis concessimus quod sint quieti de Bridtol et de Cildwite et de Gieresgieue et de Scotale. Ita quod Prepositus nec alius Ballivus scotalam faciat.

Has predictas consuetudines eis concessimus et omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines quas habuerunt vel habent Ciues nostri

of illustrious memory formerly King of the English our kinsman made to the aforesaid citizens in these words.

10. Richard by the grace of God King [and so on as in the charter of King Richard I, 23 April, 5th year, ending] in the fifth year of our reign.

Londonie, quando meliores vel liberiores habuerunt secundum libertates Londonie et leges Civitates Lincolnie. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod ipsi et heredes eorum hec omnia predicta habeant et teneant hereditarie de nobis et heredibus nostris reddendo per annum novies viginti libras numero de Lincolnia cum omnibus pertinentiis ad scaccarium nostrum duobus terminis ad Pascha scilicet et ad festum sancti Michaelis per manum Prepositi Lincolnie. Et cives Lincolnie faciant Prepositum quem voluerint de se per annum qui sit idoneus nobis et eis.

Testibus hiis. H. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, Willelmo Marescallo, Galfrido filio Petri, Hugone Bardolf.

Data per manum Willelmi Eliensis Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Wintoniam. xxij die Aprilis anno regni nostri quinto.

Inspeximus eciam quandam cartam quam celebris memorie dominus Henricus quondam Rex Anglie pater noster fecit predictis Civibus in hec verba.

Henricus dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie Dux Norm' Aquit' et Comes Andeg' Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Forestariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Sciatis nos concessisse Civibus nostris Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra Civitatem Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus exceptis Monetariis et Ministris nostris. Concessimus etiam eis quietanciam murdri infra Ciuitatem et in Portsok', et quod nullus eorum faciat duellum, et quod de placitis ad coronam pertinentibus se possint disrationare secundum consuetudinem quam Ciues Ciuitatis Londonie habuerunt tempore H. Regis Aui nostri et quod infra Ciuitatem Lincolnie nemo capiat hospicium per vim vel per liberacionem Marescallorum. Hoc etiam eis concessimus quod omnes Ciues Lincolnie sint quieti de theloneo et lestagio per totam Angliam et per portus maris, et quod nullus de misericordia pecunie iudicetur

3. We have also inspected a certain other charter which the Lord Henry of illustrious memory formerly King of England our father made to the aforesaid citizens in these words.

11. Henry by the grace of God King [and so on as in the charter of King Henry III, 20 April, 11th year, ending] in the eleventh year of our reign.

nisi secundum legem quam habuerunt Ciues nostri Londonie tempore predicti .H. Regis Aui nostri et quod in Ciuitate illa in nullo placito sit Meskenninga, et quod Burewaremot semel tantum in ebdomada teneatur. et quod terras et tenuras et vadia sua et debita sua omnia iuste habeant quicumque eis debeat et de terris suis et tenuris que infra Ciuitatem sunt ✓ rectum eis teneatur secundum consuetudinem Ciuitatis. et de omnibus debitis suis que accommodata fuerint apud Lincolniam et de vadiis ibidem factis ✓ placitum apud Lincolniam teneatur. Prohibemus etiam ne quis ab eis theloneum vel consuetudinem capiat in Anglia de hiis que ad nos pertinent super forisfacturam decem librarum. Saluis in omnibus libertatibus Ciuitatis Londonie. Et si quis in tota Anglia theloneum vel consuetudinem ab hominibus Lincolnie ceperit postquam ipse a recto defecerit. Prepositus Lincolnie namium apud Lincolniam capiat. Insuper etiam ad emendacionem illius Ciuitatis eis concessimus quod sint quieti de Bridtol et de Chilwite et de Gieresgieue et Scotale. Ita quod Prepositi nec alii Balliui Scotalam faciant. Has predictas consuetudines eis concessimus et omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines secundum libertates Londonie et leges Ciuitatis Lincolnie quas habuerunt Ciues nostri Londonie quando meliores vel liberiores habuerunt tempore predicti .H. Regis Aui nostri vel habent. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod ipsi et heredes eorum hec omnia predicta habeant et teneant hereditarie de nobis et heredibus nostris reddendo per annum novies viginti libras numero de Lincolnia cum omnibus pertinentiis ad scaccarium nostrum duobus terminis ad Pascha scilicet et ad festum sancti Michaelis per manum prepositorum Lincolnie. Preterea volumus et concedimus quod ijdem Ciues nostri Lincolnie per commune consilium Ciuitatis eligant duos de legalioribus Ciuibus Lincolnie et presentent cos capitali Justiciario apud Westmonasterium qui bene et fideliter custodiant preposituram Ciuitatis Lincolnie et non amoveantur quamdiu in balliva sua se bene gesserint nisi per commune consilium Ciuitatis sue. Volumus etiam quod in eadem Ciuitate Lincolnie per commune consilium Ciuium eligantur quatuor de legalioribus et discreciorebus Ciuitatis ad custodiendum placita corone et alia que ad nos et ad coronam nostram pertinent in eadem Ciuitate et ad videndum quod prepositi illius Ciuitatis iuste et legitime tractent tam pauperes quam diuites. Concessimus etiam eis Gildam suam mercatoriam de hominibus Ciuitatis et de aliis Mercatoribus Comi-

tatus sicut illam habuerunt tempore .H. Regis Aui nostri. Et ut omnes homines qui infra quatuor diuisas Ciuitatis manent et mercatum deducunt sint ad Geldas et consuetudines et assisas Ciuitatis sicut melius fuerint tempore predicti .H. Regis Aui nostri. Concessimus etiam quod si aliquis natus manserit in Ciuitate nostra Lincolnie per vnum annum et vnum diem sine calumpnia ⁊ extunc inantea remaneat in pace in Ciuitate nostra Lincolnie sicut Ciuis noster sicut carte predicti .H. Regis Aui nostri et domini Ricardi Regis Auunculi nostri et domini Johannis Regis patris nostri quas inde habent rationabiliter testantur.

Hiis testibus. W. Carliolensi. G. Eliensi. Th. Norwicensi Episcopis. H. de Burgo comite Kancie Justiciario nostro. G. comite Gloucestrie et Hertfordie. Henrico Aldithel'. Nicholao de Verdoun. Osberto Giffard. Radulpho filio Nicholai Ricardo de Argentein Senescallis nostris Henrico de Capella. Theobaldo Pincerna. G. de Craucumbe et aliis.

Dat' per manum venerabilis fratris domini Radulphi Cicestrensis Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die Aprilis anno regno nostri vndecimo.

Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam cartam quam predictus pater noster fecit predictis Ciuibus in hec verba.

Henricus dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie vicecomitibus et Ministris suis comitatus Lincolnensis salutem.

Inspeximus litteras quas dominus Henricus Rex Auus noster fecit Ciuibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

H. Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum vicecomitibus et ministris suis de Lincolnsire salutem.

Precipio quod faciatis forinsecos Mercatores venire ad Lincolniam et ibi facere mercaturas suas ita rationabiliter et juste sicut facere

5. We have also inspected a certain other charter which the aforesaid our father made to the aforesaid citizens in these words.

12. Henry by the grace of God King [and so on as in the charter of King Henry III, 7 March, 46th year (inspecting a charter of King Henry II, ending Richard de Lucy at Woodstock) ending] in the forty-sixth year of our reign.

solebant tempore Regis H. avi mei. Ne prepositi mei Lincolnie amittant meas regales consuetudines.

Teste Ricardo de Lucy apud Wodestoc.

Nos igitur prefatis Ciuibus nostris hoc ipsum tam in conservacionem juris nostri quam juris eorundem volentes observari ✓ precipimus quod Mercatores predictos ad villam predictam venire faciatis et ibi facere mercaturas suas ita rationabiliter et juste sicut facere solebant temporibus predictorum .H. Regis senioris .H. Regis Aui nostri necnon et Ricardi Regis Auunculi nostri et Johannis Regis patris nostri et etiam tempore nostro usque primam transfretacionem nostram in Britanniam et concedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod hoc eisdem Ciuibus amodo observetur super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Windlesoram septimo die Marcij, anno regni nostri quadragesimo sexto.

Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam cartam quam predictus pater noster fecit eisdem Ciuibus in hec verba.

Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis ✓ salutem.

Sciatis quod cum per cartam nostram quam inspeximus concessimus Ciuibus nostris Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra ciuitatem Lincolniam de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus exceptis Monetariis et Ministris nostris, Nos eisdem Ciuibus gratiam ampliorem ad ipsorum instanciam facere volentes ✓ concessimus eis et hac carta nostra confirmavimus quod omnia placita Ciuitatis ejusdem et non alia decetero placitentur et teneantur in aula placitorum Ciuitatis ejusdem que Gildehalle vocitatur et non alibi contra voluntatem Ciuium ipsorum vel successorum suorum

5. We have also inspected a certain other charter which the aforesaid our father made to the same citizens in these words.

13. Henry by the grace of God King [and so on as in the charter of King Henry III, 12 February, 56th year, ending] in the fifty-sixth year of our reign.

exceptis placitis de tenuris exterioribus et Monetariis ac Ministris nostris. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod omnia placita Ciuitatis ejusdem in aula predicta placitorum decetero placitentur et teneantur et non alibi contra voluntatem eorundem Ciuium vel successorum suorum exceptis placitis de tenuris exterioribus ac Monetariis et Ministris nostris sicut predictum est imperpetuum.

Hiis testibus Venerabili patre. W. Eboracensi Archiepiscopo Anglie primate. Roberto Aguillon. Elia de Rabayne. Petro de Chauent. Stephano de Eddeworth'. Mathco de Louaine. Willelmo de Sancta Eremina. Petro Euerard. Rogero de Wautoñ et aliis.

Dat' per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Februarii anno regni nostri quinquagesimo sexto.

Nos autem donaciones concessionones et confirmationes predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris predictis Ciuibus et successoribus suis Ciuibus ejusdem Civitatis concedimus et confirmamus sicut carte et littere predictae rationabiliter testantur. Et si forte ijdem Ciues aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum in dictis cartis et litteris contentarum et expressarum hactenus plene vsi non fuerint ✓ nichilominus volumus et concedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod ijdem Ciues et successores sui predicti libertate vel libertatibus illis decetero gaudeant et vtantur. Concessimus insuper pro nobis et heredibus. eisdem Ciuibus quod ipsi et successores sui predicti imperpetuum sint quieti de muragio, pauagio, pontagio, wharuagio, stallagio, et terragio per totum regnum nostrum et totam terram ac potestatem nostram.

Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus. R. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo. A. Dunelmensi. J. Lincolnensi. W. Couentrensi et Lichefeldensi. et J. Karliolensi Episcopis. Johanne de Warennia Surreie. Thoma Lancastrie. Rogero le Bigod Norffolcie Marescallo Anglie. Guidone de Bello Campo Warrewici et Radulpho de Monte Hermerij Gloucestrie et Hertfordie Comitibus. Johanne de Britannia. Johanne de Sancto Johanne. Johanne de Segraue. Reginaldo de Grey. Johanne de

5. We therefore having ratified [and so on as in the charter of King Edward I, 25 February ending] in the twenty-ninth year of our reign.

Hastingg'. Waltero de Bello Campo Senescallo Hospicij nostri. Petro de Tatinton' et aliis.

Dat' per manum nostram apud Lincolniam vicesimo quinto die Februarii anno regni nostri vicesimo nono.

Nos autem liberationem, donaciones, concessionones et confirmaciones predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris Ciuibus Ciuitatis predictę et eorum heredibus et successoribus Ciuibus Ciuitatis illius concedimus et confirmamus sicut carte predictę rationabiliter testantur. Preterea volentes eisdem Ciuibus vberiolem gratiam facere in hac parte ✓ concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum in cartis predictis contentarum et expressarum casu aliquo emergente hactenus plene vsi non fuerint ✓ ipsi tamen Ciues et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Ciuitatis illius libertate vel libertatibus illis decetero absque impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque plene gaudeant et vtantur. Insuper cum Ciues Ciuitatis predictę et eorum antecessores hactenus habuerint in Ciuitate predicta et suburbio ejusdem tronagium lanarum et pessagium aliorum mercimoniorum et exitus et proficua inde prouentia ad opus eorum perceperint et habuerint in auxilium firme sue Ciuitatis illius super quo in Curia progenitorum nostrorum

3. We therefore having ratified and gratified the delivery, grants, concessions and confirmations aforesaid, grant and confirm them for ourselves and our heirs to the citizens of the city aforesaid and their heirs and successors citizens of that city just as the charters aforesaid reasonably bear witness.

Moreover, willing to bestow upon the same citizens a more abundant grace in this behalf, we have granted to them for ourselves and our heirs that although they or their ancestors have not hitherto fully used one or more of the liberties contained and expressed in the charters aforesaid by reason of some chance arising, nevertheless they, the citizens, and their heirs and successors citizens of that city henceforth may fully enjoy and use that liberty or those liberties, without hindrance of us or of our heirs or our ministers whomsoever.

Moreover, whereas the citizens of the aforesaid city and their ancestors have hitherto had in the city aforesaid, and in the suburb thereof, the tronage of wools and the weighing of other wares, and the issues and profits arising therefrom they have had for their use in aid of their farm of that city in respect whereof in the court of our progenitors formerly Kings of England

quondam Regum Anglie et nostra aliquando impetiti fuerunt pro eo quod cartam alicujus dictorum progenitorum nostrorum inde non habuerunt ✓ et etiam cum predicti Ciues habeant et ipsi et eorum predecessores predicti hactenus habuerint in absencia nostra et progenitorum nostrorum predictorum assisam panis et ceruisie custodiam et assaiam Mensurarum et ponderum et alia ad officium mercati pertinentia in Ciuitate et suburbio predictis, ac inter ceteras libertates subscriptas Ciuibus Ciuitatis predictae concessas eisdem sit concessum quod ipsi habeant easdem libertates et immunitates quas habent Ciues Londonie et eis gaudeant et vtantur. Ciuesque ejusdem Ciuitatis Londonie in presencia nostra habeant ipsique et eorum antecessores in nostra et antecessorum nostrorum presencia hactenus habuerint assisam panis et ceruisie custodiam et assaiam mensurarum et ponderum ac alia ad officium mercati pertinentia in dicta Ciuitate Londonie et suburbio ejusdem absque eo quod clericus seu alius Minister noster vel antecessorum nostrorum predictorum de mercato dictam Ciuitatem Londonie aut suburbium ejusdem ingressus fuisset ad aliqua que ad officium suum pertinuerunt in eisdem facienda vel etiam exequenda ✓ Nos volentes securitati Ciuium predictae Ciuitatis Lincolnie in premissis providere et eis gratiam facere specialem ✓ con-

and in our court sometimes they have been impeached for that they had not a charter of any one of the said our progenitors therefor. And also whereas the aforesaid citizens have and they and their predecessors aforesaid hitherto have had in the absence of ourselves and our progenitors aforesaid, the assise of bread and of beer, the custody and assay of measures and weights and other things appertaining to the office of the market in the city and suburb aforesaid, and among the rest of the liberties above-written, granted to the citizens of the city aforesaid, it has been granted to the same that they have the same liberties and immunities which the citizens of London have and enjoy, and use them; and the citizens of the same city of London in our presence have, and they and their ancestors in the presence of us and our ancestors have hitherto had the assise of bread and of beer, the custody and assay of measures and weights and other things appertaining to the office of the market in the said city of London and the suburb thereof, without that our clerk or other minister or the clerk or minister of our ancestors aforesaid of the market should have entered the said city of London or the suburb thereof for the making or even undertaking any things which appertained to his office in the same. We, willing to provide for the security of the citizens of the aforesaid city of Lincoln in the premisses and to bestow on them an

cessimus eis et hac carta nostra confirmavimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod ipsi et eorum heredes et successores Ciues dicte Ciuitatis Lincolnie imperpetuum habeant in eadem Ciuitate Lincolnie et suburbio ejusdem tronagium lanarum et pesagium aliorum mercimoniorum et exitus et proficua inde provenientia ad opus eorum percipiant et habeant in auxilium antike firme sue Ciuitatis supradicte, et quod de proficuis inde ante hec tempora perceptis non occasionentur in aliquo seu graventur et quod decetero in presencia nostra et heredum nostrorum assisam panis et ceruisie, custodiam et assaiam mensurarum et ponderum ac alia quecumque ad officium mercati pertinentia in Ciuitate Lincolnie et suburbio ejusdem supradictis ✓ habeant faciant et exercent imperpetuum, et transgressores dicte assise panis et ceruisie modo debito puniant et defectus mensurarum ponderum ac aliorum ad dictum officium mercati pertinentium corrigant et emendent. Ita quod clericus de mercato seu alius Minister noster vel heredum nostrorum dictam Ciuitatem Lincolnie aut suburbium ejusdem non ingrediatur ad aliqua que ad dictum officium mercati pertinent in eisdem facienda. vel exequenda et quod omnia proficua inde provenientia semper sint ipsorum Ciuium Lincolnie heredum et successorum suorum predictorum in auxilium firme sue supradicte. Salvo tamen

especial grace, have granted to them and by this our charter have confirmed for ourselves and our heirs that they and their heirs and successors citizens of the said city of Lincoln for ever have in the same city of Lincoln and the suburb thereof the tronage of wools and the weighing of other wares and the issues and profits arising therefrom receive and have to their need in aid of their ancient farm of the city abovesaid, and that they be not charged in any way or molested in respect of the profits thereof received before these times, and that from henceforth in the presence of us and our heirs they have, make and exercise the assise of bread and of beer and the custody and assay of measures and weights and other things whatsoever appertaining to the office of the market in the city of Lincoln and the suburb thereof abovesaid for ever, and punish the transgressors of the said assise of bread and of beer in due manner and correct and amend the defects of measures, weights and other things appertaining to the said office of the market. So that the clerk of the market or other minister of us or our heirs do not enter the said city of Lincoln or the suburb thereof for the making or undertaking of any things which appertain to the said office of the market therein, and that all the profits issuing therefrom ever belong to those citizens of Lincoln, their heirs and successors aforesaid, in aid of their farm abovesaid. Saving nevertheless

quod si in presencia nostra vel heredum nostrorum aliquis conqueratur quod Maior Balliui seu custos dicte Ciuitatis Lincolnie in premissis in nostra vel heredum nostrorum presencia faciendis et exequendis negligentes sint et remissi ✓ tunc Cancellarius noster vel heredum nostrorum qui pro tempore fuerit per se vel per alium de Cancellaria nostra vel heredum nostrorum quem ad hoc deputaverit ad sectam huiusmodi conquerentis, id de quo querela illa sic fiet supervideat, et si dictos Maiorem Ballivos seu custodem in eo de quo querelam sic fieri contigerit negligentes legitime invenerit et remissos ✓ tunc illud corrigi faciat prout decet et dictos Maiorem Ballivos seu Custodem modo debito puniat et castiget. finibus et amerciamentis ipsorum Maioris Ballivorum et custodis in hac parte et punicione illius quod per dictum Cancellarium vel deputandum ab ipso vt est dictum corrigi contigerit ✓ nobis et heredibus nostris semper salvis. Concessimus insuper pro nobis et heredibus nostris et hac carta nostra confirmavimus prefatis Ciuibus vacuas et vastas placeas nostras in Ciuitate et suburbio predictis habendum sibi et heredibus ac successoribus suis predictis imperpetuum ad commodum suum inde faciendum prout sibi melius viderint expedire. Ita tamen quod illud faciant absque

that if in the presence of us or our heirs anyone complain that the mayor, bailiffs or warden of the said city of Lincoln be negligent and remiss in making and undertaking the premisses in the presence of us or our heirs then the Chancellor of us or our heirs for the time being by himself or by another of the chancery of us or our heirs whom he shall have deputed to this matter at the suit of such complainant is to investigate that whereof that complaint is thus made, and if he shall have found the said mayor, bailiffs or warden negligent according to the law or remiss in that matter concerning which it shall have happened that the complaint is thus made, then he shall cause that complaint to be corrected as is befitting, and punish and chastise in due manner the said mayor, bailiffs or warden, saving always to us and our heirs the fines and amercements of those the mayor, bailiffs and warden in this behalf, and the punishment of that which by the said chancellor or the person to be deputed by him as is aforesaid shall have happened to be corrected.

We have moreover granted for ourselves and our heirs and by this our charter confirmed to the afore-mentioned citizens our vacant and waste places in the aforesaid city and suburb to have to themselves and their heirs and successors aforesaid for ever for making their advantage thereof as they shall have seen to be best expedient for them. Provided nevertheless that they do

dampno et prejudicio cathedralis ecclesie beate Marie Lincolnensis et liberi tenentis cujuslibet alterius, et quod vici in eisdem Ciuitate et suburbio ea occasione nimium non arceantur.

Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus W. Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi tocius Anglie Primate. J. Norwicensi et R. Saresberiensis Episcopis. Adomaro de Valencia Comite Pembrochie. Humfrido de Bohun Comite Herefordie et Essexie. Hugone le Despenser seniore. Bartholomeo de Badelesmere. Johanne de Crumbwell' senescallo hospicii nostri et aliis.

Dat' per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium quinto decimo die Junij anno regni nostri nono.

Nos autem liberationem, donaciones, concessiones et confirmationes predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris Ciuibus Ciuitatis predictae et eorum heredibus et successoribus Ciuibus ejusdem Ciuitatis concedimus et confirmamus sicut carte predictae rationabiliter testantur. Preterea volentes eisdem Ciuibus gratiam facere in hac parte vberiore ✓ concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores Ciues Ciuitatis

that without damage and prejudice of the Cathedral Church of Blessed Mary of Lincoln and of any other free tenant whomsoever, and that the streets in the same city and suburb be not on this account too much narrowed.

These being the witnesses: the venerable fathers W[alter]¹ Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of all England, J[ohn]² Bishop of Norwich, and R[oger]³ Bishop of Salisbury, Adomar de Valence Earl of Pembroke, Humphrey de Bohun Earl of Hereford and Essex, Hugh Le Despenser the elder, Bartholomew de Badelesmere, John de Crumbwell Steward of our household and others.

Dated by our hand at Westminster on the fifteenth day of June in the ninth year of our reign.

2. We therefore having ratified and gratified the delivery, gifts, grants and confirmations aforesaid grant and confirm them for ourselves and our heirs to the citizens of the city aforesaid and their heirs and successors citizens of the same city, just as the charters aforesaid reasonably bear witness.

Moreover, willing to bestow a more abundant grace upon the same citizens in this behalf we have granted to them for ourselves and our heirs that although they or their ancestors, citizens of that city, have not hitherto

¹ Walter Reynolds, *ob.* 1327.

² John Salmon, *ob.* 1325.

³ Roger de Martivalle, *ob.* 1330.

illius aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum aut quietanciarum in cartis predictis contentarum aliquo casu emergente antea vsi non fuerint ✓ ipsi tamen Ciues et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Ciuitatis illius libertatibus et quietanciis predictis et earum qualibet decetero absque impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum Justiciariorum Escaetorum Vicecomitum aut aliorum ballivorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque plene gaudeant et vtantur.

Insuper cum in dicta carta predicti domini Henrici progenitoris nostri contineatur quod idem progenitor noster liberavit Ciuitatem suam Lincolnie Ciuibus suis ejusdem Ciuitatis ad illam firmam ad quam esse solebat tempore .H. Regis Aui sui cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus eidem Ciuitati pertinentibus in Ciuitatem et extra. et per inquisitionem per dilectos et fideles nostros Walterum de Friskeneye Robertum de Malberthorp' et Petrum de Lodyngton' in presencia Thome de Novo Mercato nuper vicecomitis nostri Lincolnensis de mandato nostro captam et in Cancellaria nostra retornatam compertum sit quod Maior et Ciues Ciuitatis predicte et eorum antecessores a tempore quo non extat memoria pretextu dicte carte habuerunt in Ciuitate predicta et suburbio ejusdem tronagium lanarum et pesagium aliorum

used any one or more of the liberties or quittances contained in the charters aforesaid by reason of some chance arising, nevertheless those citizens and their heirs and successors, citizens of that city, may fully enjoy and use the liberties and quittances aforesaid and any of them from henceforth without hindrance of us or our heirs and any whomsoever our justices, escheators, sheriffs or other our bailiffs or ministers.

Moreover, whereas in the said charter of the aforesaid Lord Henry our progenitor it is contained that the same our progenitor delivered his city of Lincoln to his citizens of the same city at that farm at which it was wont to be in the time of King Henry his grandfather with all the customs and liberties appertaining to the same city, within the city and without, and by inquest by our command, taken by our beloved and faithful Walter de Friskeneye, Robert de Malberthorp and Peter de Lodyngton in the presence of Thomas de Newmarket, late our sheriff of Lincoln and returned in our Chancery, it is ascertained that the Mayor and citizens of the city aforesaid and their ancestors from the time beyond which there is no memory by reliance upon that said charter had in the said city and the suburb thereof the tronage of wools and the weighing of other wares, and received the issues

mercimoniorum, et exitus et proficua inde proveniencia ad opus eorum perceperunt in auxilium firme sue Ciuitatis illius, et quod ipsi et eorum antecessores de lanis suis in eadem Ciuitate tronatis et omnibus aliis mercimoniis suis ibidem ponderatis, necnon et illi quorum lane ibidem tronate fuerunt siue merces ponderate in omnibus aliis locis infra regnum et potestatem nostra de huiusmodi tronagio et pesagio quieti fuerunt, et quod ijdem Maior et Ciues et eorum antecessores a predicto tempore habuerunt returna omnium breuium nostrorum et progenitorum nostrorum predictorum Ciuitatem illam et suburbium ejusdem contingentium execucionesque eorundem et omnium summonicionum de omnibus dicta Ciuitatem et suburbium contingentibus per balliuos et Ministros Ciuitatis illius, et etiam per eosdem balliuos profra sua ad scaccarium nostrum et dictorum progenitorum nostrorum fecerunt, et compota sua ibidem cum vicecomite Lincolnensi reddiderunt, et etiam quod dicti progenitores nostri ante liberacionem predictam et prefati Ciues et eorum antecessores tria mercata in septimana diebus videlicet Lune Mercurij et Veneris et quandam feriam semel in anno a die videlicet Sancti Botulphi usque ad diem Apostolorum Petri et Pauli proxime sequentem in eisdem Ciuitate et suburbio hucusque habuerunt, et quod antecessores ipsorum Ciuium super quandam murum Ciuitatis illius ex transverso de Neulandeyate

and profits arising therefrom in aid of their farm of that city, and that they and their ancestors in respect of their wools in the same city troned, and all other their wares therein weighed, and also they whose wools had been therein troned or whose wares had been therein weighed were quit of such manner of tronage and weighing in all other places within our realm and dominion, and that the same the mayor and citizens and their ancestors from the aforesaid time had the returns of all the writs of us and our progenitors aforesaid touching that city and the suburb thereof and the executions of the same and of all summonses concerning all matters touching the said city and suburb by the bailiffs and ministers of that city, and also by the same bailiffs made their proffers to the exchequer of us and our said progenitors and delivered their accompts therein with the sheriff of Lincoln, and also that the said our progenitors before the delivery aforesaid and the above-mentioned citizens and their ancestors hitherto had three markets in the week, that is to say, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and a certain fair once in the year, that is to say, from the day of Saint Botulph until the day of the Apostles Peter and Paul next ensuing in the same city and suburb, and that the ancestors of those citizens anciently constructed upon a certain wall of that city, slantwise from Newland-gate as far as the manse

vsque mansum fratrum de ordine Minorum in eadem Ciuitate edificia diuersa videlicet cameras et domos mansionibus dicto muro adjacentibus in diuersis locis iuxta Walkergate et Soperlane antiquitus construxerunt et quod edificia illa sunt in melioracionem et securitatem Ciuitatis predictæ. et quod prefati Ciues et eorum antecessores a tempore predicto Infangenethef Outfangenethef et catalla felonum et fugitivorum infra dicta Ciuitatem et suburbium in auxilium firme sue ejusdem Ciuitatis hucusque habuerunt. et etiam quod nullus eorum de re aliqua que infra dicta Ciuitatem et suburbium facta fuit seu evenit nisi totam communitatem Ciuitatis illius tangebatur per homines forinsecos a dicto tempore hucusque convinci consuevit, quodque prefati Ciues ab eodem tempore hucusque Ciuitatem et suburbium predicta necnon custodiam pacis in eisdem habuerunt et assederunt et arraiaverunt homines dictorum Ciuitatis et suburbij pro salvacione pacis et defensione regni quociens opus fuit, et quod non est ad dampnum seu prejudicium nostrum aut aliorum seu diminucionem firme Comitatus Lincolniensis si nos omnes et singulas libertates predictas prefatis Maiori et Ciuibus et eorum heredibus et successoribus specificemus et imperpetuum concedamus per cartam nostram. Nos contemplacione boni servicij quod predicti Maior et Ciues nobis et dictis

of the Friars of the Order of Minors in the same city divers edifices, that is to say, chambers and houses in the mansions adjacent to the said wall in divers places near Walkergate and Soper-lane, and that those edifices are for the improvement and security of the city aforesaid, and that the abovesaid citizens and their ancestors from the time aforesaid have up to the present time had infangthief, outfangthief and the chattels of felons and fugitives within the said city and suburb in aid of their farm of the same city, and also that no one of them was wont concerning anything which was done or took place within the said city and suburb to be convicted by foreign men from the said time up to the present time, unless it concerned the whole community of that city, and that the abovesaid citizens from the same time up to the present time have had the aforesaid city and suburb, also the keeping of the peace in the same, and have assembled and arrayed the men of the said city and suburb for the preservation of the peace and defence of the kingdom as often as was necessary, and that it is not to the damage or prejudice of us or of others or the diminution of the farm of the county of Lincoln if we specify and for ever grant by our charter all and singular the liberties aforesaid to the abovesaid mayor and citizens and their heirs and successors: We, in consideration of the good service which the aforesaid mayor and citizens have hitherto performed to us and

progenitoribus nostris hactenus impenderunt ipsosque speramus impensuros vberius in futurum. concessimus eis et hac carta nostra confirmavimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris pro melioracione Ciuitatis predictæ quod predicti Maior et Ciues et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Ciuitatis illius de lanis suis in eadem Ciuitate tronatis et mercibus suis ibidem ponderatis ✓ necnon et illi quorum lane in eadem Ciuitate fuerint tronate sive merces ponderate in omnibus aliis locis infra regnum nostrum nisi in locis infra idem regnum vbi lane ille et merces vendite fuerint ✓ de tronagio et pesagio inde prestandis imperpetuum sint quieti, et quod habeant returna omnium breuium nostrorum et heredum nostrorum. necnon omnium summonicionum de omnibus dicta Ciuitatem et suburbium contingentibus, et quod execuciones eorundem necnon profra sua ad scaccarium nostrum et heredum nostrorum per balliuos et ministros Ciuitatis predictæ faciant et compota sua cum predicto vicecomite Lincolnensi qui pro tempore fuerit ✓ ibidem reddant, et quod imperpetuum habeant tria mercata qualibet septimana diebus videlicet Lune Mercurij et Veneris. et predictam feriam a predicto die Sancti Botulphi vsque ad predictum diem Apostolorum Petri et Pauli et vltra per tresdecim dies de incremento duraturos nisi incrementum illud sit ad nocumentum vicinarum feriarum. Et etiam quod ipsi edificia super dictum murum

our said progenitors and which we hope they will hereafter more abundantly perform, have granted to them and by this our charter have confirmed for ourselves and our heirs for the betterment of the city aforesaid that the aforesaid mayor and citizens and their heirs and successors, citizens of that city, in respect of their wools in the same city tronned and their wares therein weighed, and also they whose wools have been tronned in that city, or whose wares have been therein weighed, be for ever quit from paying tronage and pesage therefor in all other places within our realm, except in those places within the same realm where those wools and wares have been sold, and that they have the returns of all the writs of us and our heirs, also of all summonses concerning all matters touching the said city and suburb, and that they make the executions thereof, also their proffers to the exchequer of us and our heirs, by the bailiffs and ministers of the city aforesaid and render their accompts therein with the aforesaid sheriff of Lincoln for the time being, and that they have for ever three markets in every week, that is to say, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and the aforesaid fair from the aforesaid day of Saint Botulph up to the aforesaid day of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and further for thirteen days of addition to endure, unless that addition be to the hurt of adjacent fairs. And also that they may hold the edifices

constructa tenere et alia edificia de novo construere et exitus et proficua inde provenientia percipere possint sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque, et quod habeant in eisdem Ciuitate et suburbio Infangenethef et Outfangenethef necnon catalla felonum et fugitivorum ibidem, et quod occasione huiusmodi catallorum pro tempore preterito per nos vel heredes nostros seu Ministros nostros quoscumque non occasionentur in aliquo seu graventur. Et quod nullus eorum de re aliqua que infra eadem Ciuitatem et suburbium exnunc fiet seu eueniet ✓ per homines forinsecos convincatur nisi res illa tangat nos vel heredes nostros seu communitatem ejusdem Ciuitatis. Et quod nullus Minister noster vel heredum nostrorum aut alterius cujuscumque de custodia Ciuitatis et suburbij predictorum seu pacis nostre ibidem aut de hominibus eorundem Ciuitatis et suburbij ibidem arraiandis vel ad arma assedenda se in aliquo intromittat nisi in defectum ipsorum Maioris et Ciuium et heredum et successorum suorum predictorum vel nisi nos vel heredes nostri ob aliquam certam causam seu urgentem necessitatem in auxilium dictorum Ciuium maiorem custodiam pro salvacione Ciuitatis illius ibidem apponere voluerimus.

constructed upon the said wall, and construct other edifices anew and receive the issues and profits arising therefrom without let or impediment of us or our heirs or our ministers whomsoever, and that they have in the same city and suburb infangthief and outfangthief also the chattels of felons and fugitives therein, and that in respect of this manner of chattels for times past they be not called to account in any way or molested by us or our heirs or our ministers whomsoever. And that no one of them be convicted by foreign men concerning any matter which from this time forward may be made or arise within the same city and suburb, unless that matter touch us or our heirs or the commonalty of the same city. And that no minister of us or our heirs or of any other person whomsoever in any wise interpose himself in regard to the keeping of the city and suburb aforesaid, or of our peace therein or in regard of arraying therein the men of the same city and suburb or for assembling them to arms unless in default of those the mayor and citizens and their heirs and successors aforesaid, or unless we or our heirs on account of any certain cause or urgent necessity shall have willed to appoint therein in aid of the said citizens a larger custody for the safety of that city.

Insuper cum in predicta carta predicti Henrici progenitoris nostri non fiat mencio de Maiore Ciuitatis illius nec de quantitate firme ejusdem Ciuitatis et in predicta carta predicti Ricardi progenitoris nostri contineatur, quod ipsi reddant inde per annum nouies viginti libras ad scaccarium suum duobus terminis ad Pascha scilicet et ad festum Sancti Michaelis ✓ et predicti Ciues et eorum antecessores predicti semper hactenus inde reddiderint ad scaccarium dictorum progenitorum nostrorum quadraginta libras ad festum Pasche, et centum et quadraginta libras ad festum Sancti Michaelis sicut dicunt ✓ concessimus et hac carta nostra confirmauimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris prefatis Ciuibus quod Maior et Ciues Ciuitatis illius et eorum heredes et successores predicti habeant et teneant predictam Ciuitatem cum pertinentiis ad feodi firmam de nobis et heredibus nostris reddendo nobis et heredibus nostris ad scaccarium nostrum predictas nouies viginti libras per annum videlicet quadraginta libras ad scaccarium nostrum Pasche, et centum et quadraginta libras residuas ad scaccarium nostrum Sancti Michaelis imperpetuum prout hactenus facere consueuerunt. Concessimus etiam pro nobis et heredibus nostris et hac carta nostra confirmauimus quod nullus eorum placitet aut implacitetur extra eandem Ciuitatem de re

Moreover, whereas in the aforesaid charter of the aforesaid Henry our progenitor mention is not made of the mayor of that city nor of the quantity of the farm of the same city, and in the aforesaid charter of the aforesaid Richard our progenitor it is contained that they are to yield therefor by the year nine score pounds to his exchequer at the two terms, to wit at Easter and at the feast of Saint Michael, and the aforesaid citizens and their ancestors aforesaid have always hitherto yielded therefor at the exchequer of the said our progenitors forty pounds at the feast of Easter and one hundred and forty pounds at the feast of Saint Michael as they say, We have granted and by this our charter confirmed for us and our heirs to the abovesaid citizens that the mayor and citizens of that city and their heirs and successors aforesaid have and hold the aforesaid city with the appurtenances to fee-farm of us and our heirs, yielding to us and our heirs at our exchequer the aforesaid nine score pounds by the year, that is to say, forty pounds at our exchequer of Easter and one hundred and forty pounds residue at our exchequer of Saint Michael for ever, as they have hitherto been wont to do.

We have also granted for us and our heirs and by this our charter confirmed, that no one of them plead or be impleaded without the same city

aliqua infra Ciuitatem illam vel suburbium ejusdem emergente nisi res illa tangat nos vel heredes nostros aut communitatem dicte Ciuitatis. Et quod Burghmanmot semel in ebdomada in Gildehalla Ciuitatis illius videlicet die Lune per Maiorem et Balliuos Ciuitatis predictae teneatur prout hactenus fieri consuevit. et omnia hujusmodi placita in eodem Burghmanmot tam in presencia nostra et heredum nostrorum quam absencia coram eisdem Maiore et Balliuis placitentur et teneantur imperpetuum sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum Justiciariorum Senescallorum Marescallorum Vicecomitum aut aliorum balliuorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque exceptis dumtaxat placitis de transgressionibus conuencionibus et contractibus in hospicio nostro et heredum nostrorum in presencia nostra et ipsorum heredum factis que nos vel heredes nostros seu aliquem de hospicio nostro contingunt. Concessimus etiam eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod nullus eorum dum residens fuerit in eisdem Ciuitate vel suburbio per vicecomitem aut alios Ministros nostros ponatur in assisis iuratis recognicionibus seu inquisicionibus aliquibus cum forinsecis racione terrarum aut tenementorum suorum forinsecorum. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod predicti Maior et Ciues et eorum heredes et successores predicti Ciuitatem et suburbium predicta cum

concerning any matter arising within that city or the suburb thereof, unless that matter touches us or our heirs or the commonalty of the said city. And that the burghmanmote be held once weekly in the Guildhall of that city, that is to say on Monday, by the mayor and bailiffs of the city aforesaid as it has hitherto been wont to be held, and all such manner of pleas be impleaded and held for ever in the same burghmanmote as well in the presence as in the absence of us and our heirs before the same mayor and bailiffs without let or hindrance of us or our heirs, our justices, stewards, marshals, sheriffs or other our bailiffs or ministers whomsoever, excepting only pleas concerning trespasses, conventions and contracts made in the household of us and those heirs in the presence of us and our heirs which concern us or our heirs or any one of our household.

We have also granted to them for us and our heirs that no one of them while he be resident in the same city or suburb be by the sheriff or others our ministers placed in any assises, juries, recognizances or inquests with foreigners by reason of the lands or tenements of their foreigners.

Wherefore we will and firmly enjoin for ourselves and our heirs that the aforesaid mayor and citizens and their heirs and successors aforesaid hold the

pertinentiis teneant ad feodi firmam ut predictum est et omnes et singulas libertates predictas habeant et eis gaudeant et vtantur imperpetuum in forma supradicta.

Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus. J. Eliensi Episcopo Cancellario nostro. R. Couentrensi et Lichefeldensi Episcopo. Edmundo Comite Kancie auunculo nostro. Johanne de Warena Comite Surreie. Thoma Wake. Ricardo de Grey de Codenoure. Johanne de Ros Senescallo hospicij nostri et aliis.

Data per manum nostram apud Notingham septimo die Octobris anno regni nostri primo.

Et quia ijdem Maior et Ciues per quosdam Justiciarios nostros ad assisas in Comitatu Lincolniensi capiendum assignatos super placitis assisarum de tenementis in Ciuitate et suburbio predictis arrainiatarum. eo quod de huiusmodi placitis assisarum in predictis cartis expressa mencio facta non existit pluries fuerunt impetiti sicut dicunt super quo nobis supplicarunt ut pro huiusmodi impeticionibus euitandis in futurum velimus eorum tranquillitati et quieti prospicere in hac parte. Nos habito auisamento super hiis cum Magnatibus, Justiciariis, et aliis de consilio nostro concessimus et hac carta nostra confirmauimus

city and suburb aforesaid with the appurtenances to fee-farm as is aforesaid, and hold all and singular the liberties aforesaid, and enjoy and use them for ever in form abovesaid.

These being witnesses: the venerable fathers J[ohn]¹ Bishop of Ely our Chancellor, R[oger]² Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, Edmund Earl of Kent our uncle, John de Warenne Earl of Surrey, Thomas Wake, Richard de Grey of Codnor, John de Ros steward of our household and others.

Dated by our hand at Nottingham on the seventh day of October in the first year of our reign.

1. And because the same mayor and citizens have been impeached as they say many times by certain of our justices assigned to take the assizes in the County of Lincoln in respect of pleas of assizes arraigned concerning tenements in the city and suburb aforesaid, for that there stands not express mention concerning such manner of pleas of assizes in the aforesaid charters, whereupon they have petitioned us that for the avoiding of such manner of impeachments for the future we would be willing to make provision for their tranquillity and quiet in this behalf, We, after advice had upon these matters with the magnates, justices and others of our council, have granted and by

¹ John de Hotham, *ob.* 1327.

² Roger de Northburg, 1322—1359.

eisdem Maiori Balliuis et Civibus et eorum heredibus et successoribus pro nobis et heredibus nostris imperpetuum quod omnia placita de terris et tenementis que sunt in eadem Ciuitate vel suburbiis ejusdem tam placita de assisis quam alia placita quecumque in predicto Burghmanmot in Gildehalla ejusdem Ciuitatis et non alibi coram Maiore et Balliuis predictæ Ciuitatis qui pro tempore fuerint tam in presencia nostra et heredum nostrorum quam in absencia placitentur et terminentur sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque. Nisi placita illa tangant nos vel heredes nostros aut Communitatem Ciuitatis predictæ sicut predictum est.

Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus. S. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo tocius Anglie Primate. J. Eliensi Episcopo. H. Lincolnensi Episcopo Cancellario nostro. Johanne de Eltham Comite Cornubie fratre nostro. Rogero de Mortuo Mari Comite Marchie. Henrico de Percy. Johanne Mautrauers Senescalco hospicij nostri et aliis.

Data per manum nostram apud Wyndesore vicesimo secundo die Februarij anno regni nostri quarto.

Great seal (imperfect) in green wax, appended by silk plaited strands. Edward III.

this our charter confirmed to the same mayor, bailiffs and citizens and their heirs and successors for ourselves and our heirs for ever that all the pleas concerning lands and tenements which are in the same city or the suburbs thereof, as well pleas of assizes as other pleas whatsoever, be pleaded and determined in the aforesaid burghmanmote in the Guildhall of the same city and not elsewhere before the mayor and bailiffs of the aforesaid city for the time being as well in the presence as in the absence of us and our heirs without let or hindrance of us or our heirs or of any our ministers whomsoever, unless those pleas touch us or our heirs or the commonalty of the city aforesaid as is aforesaid.

These being witnesses: the venerable fathers S[imon]¹ Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of all England, J[ohn]² Bishop of Ely, H[enry]³ Bishop of Lincoln our Chancellor, John de Eltham Earl of Cornwall our brother, Roger de Mortimer Earl of March, Henry de Percy, John Mautravers steward of our household and others.

Dated by our hand at Windsor on the twenty-second day of February in the fourth year of our reign.

¹ Simon de Meopham, 1327—1333.

² John de Hotham, 1316—1337.

³ Henry de Burghersh, 1320—1340.

CHARTER OF KING EDWARD III.

[28 January, 35th year, 1361.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Aquitanie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem.

Inspeximus recordum et processum loquele que fuit coram Martino de Littlebury et sociis suis quondam Justiciariis domini H. dudum Regis Anglie proavi nostri tunc, itinerantibus in Comitatu Lincolnensi. anno regni sui quadragesimo septimo que coram nobis in Cancellariam nostram venire fecimus in hec verba.

Placita de Comitatu Lincolnensi coram M. de Littlebury et sociis suis Justiciariis Itinerantibus in Crastino clausi Pasche anno regni Regis Henrici filii Regis Johannis quadragesimo septimo.

Ballivi domini Regis de Civitate Lincolnie attachiati fuerunt ad respondendum Petro de Sabaudia de placito quare cum homines ipsius Petri de honore Richemound quieti hactenus extiterint de Teoloniis in Villa Lincolnie et aliis Civitatibus et Burgis Regis per Angliam predicti Ballivi Lincolnie in prejudicium predicti Petri

EDWARD by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland and of Aquitaine, to all to whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

We have inspected the record and process of the suit which was heard before Martin de Littlebury and his associates formerly justices of the Lord Henry long since King of England our great-grandfather then in eyre in the County of Lincoln in the forty-seventh year of his reign, which we caused to come before us into our Chancery, in these words.

Pleas of the County of Lincoln before M. de Littlebury and his associates justices in eyre on the morrow of the close of Easter in the forty-seventh year of King Henry son of King John.

The bailiffs of the Lord the King of the city of Lincoln were attached to reply to Peter de Savoy concerning the plea wherefore, whereas the men of that Peter of the honour of Richmond had been hitherto quit of tolls in the town of Lincoln and other cities and boroughs of the king throughout England, the aforesaid bailiffs of Lincoln to the prejudice of the aforesaid

exigunt de predictis hominibus suis venientibus in predictam villam teolonium de rebus venalibus contra acquietanciam predictam et cetera. Et unde predictus Petrus per attornatum suum queritur quod homines sui de honore Richemund' a conquestu Anglie quieti extiterunt de Teolonio in predicta villa Lincolnie et in omnibus aliis Civitatibus et Burgis Regis per Angliam de omnibus rebus venalibus per ipsos emptis vel venditis predicti Ballivi Regis Lincolnie jam xij annis elapsis exigerunt ab eisdem hominibus ipsius Petri teolonium de omnibus rebus venalibus ab eis in predicta villa Lincolnie emptis vel venditis contra predictam acquietanciam scilicet capiendo unum denarium de quolibet equo vendito vel empto de quolibet bove unum obolum de qualibet carrecta ij*℥* de Navi iiij*℥* de xxiiij bidentibus unum denarium de quolibet quarterio bladi unum denarium unde dicit quod deterioratus est et dampnum habet ad valenciam quingentarum librarum. Et Ballivi veniunt et defendunt vim et injuriam quando et cetera Et dicunt quod juste exigunt predictum Teolonium ab hominibus predictis ipsius Petri quia dicunt quod dominus H. Rex avus domini H. Regis nunc tempore quo ipse tenuit Civitatem Lincolnie in manum suam fuit in seisina capiendo teolonium hujusmodi de eisdem hominibus de omnibus rebus suis venalibus emptis vel

Peter exact from the aforesaid his men coming into the aforesaid town toll of things vendible against the acquittance aforesaid and the rest.

And thereupon the aforesaid Peter by his attorney complains that his men of the honour of Richmond from the conquest of England stood quit of toll in the aforesaid town of Lincoln and in all other the cities and boroughs of the king throughout England of all things vendible bought or sold by them, nevertheless the aforesaid bailiffs of the king at Lincoln for the twelve years last past exacted from the same men of that Peter toll of all things vendible by them in the aforesaid town of Lincoln bought or sold against the aforesaid acquittance, to wit by taking one penny for each horse sold or bought, for each ox one halfpenny, for each cart twopence, for a ship fourpence, for twenty-four sheep one penny, for each quarter of corn one penny, whereupon he says that he has been despoiled, and has loss to the value of five hundred pounds.

And the bailiffs come and defend the force and injury when and the rest. And they say that they justly exact the aforesaid toll from the men aforesaid of that Peter because they say that the Lord Henry the King, grandfather of the Lord Henry now king, in the time when he held the city of Lincoln in his hand was in seisin taking this manner of toll from the same men for all

venditis in Civitate predicta Et dicunt quod idem dominus H. Rex avus dimisit eis predictam Civitatem ad feodi firmam tenendum imperpetuum pro .ix.^{xx} libris per annum cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad predictam villam pertinentibus per cartam ipsius Regis quam proferunt, et que testatur quod idem dominus Rex concessit Civibus suis Lincolnie predictam villam suam Lincolnie tenendam ad feodi firmam pro predictis .ix.^{xx} libris reddendis per annum cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis imperpetuum proferunt eciam cartam Regis R. avunculi Regis nunc, et Cartam J. Regis patris H. Regis nunc, et eciam cartam ipsius domini Regis nunc predictam cartam H. Regis Avi confirmantem. Unde dicunt quod cum ipsi teneant predictam Civitatem Lincolnie de domino Rege et predictum teolonium capiant ut illud de quo predictus dominus Rex H. avus fuit in seisinâ tempore quo eis dimisit predictam Civitatem ad feodi firmam non possunt inde eidem Petro sine domino Rege respondere. Et Petrus per attornatum suum dicit quod predicti Ballivi injuste exigunt predictum teolonium de hominibus suis predictis quia dicit quod predicti homines sui de honore Richemund' tempore quo predictus H. Rex avus tenuit Civitatem Lincolnie in manu sua. et tempore quo dimisit eisdem Civibus suis eandem Civita-

their things vendible bought or sold in the city aforesaid. And they say that the same Lord Henry the king the grandfather demised to them the aforesaid city to be held in fee-farm for ever for nine score pounds by the year with all the liberties and free customs appertaining to the aforesaid town by the charter of that king which they exhibit, and which bears witness that the same Lord King granted to his citizens of Lincoln the aforesaid his town of Lincoln to be held at fee-farm for the aforesaid nine score pounds to be yielded by the year with all its liberties and free customs for ever: they exhibit also the charter of King Richard uncle of the present king, and the charter of King John father of King Henry that now is, and also the charter of that Lord King that now is, confirming the charter of King Henry, the grandfather. Whereupon they say that whereas they hold the aforesaid city of Lincoln of the Lord King, and take the aforesaid toll as that whereof the aforesaid Lord King Henry the grandfather was seised at the time when he demised to them the aforesaid city at fee-farm, they cannot answer therefor to the same Peter without the Lord King.

And Peter by his attorney says that the aforesaid bailiffs unjustly exact the aforesaid toll from his men aforesaid, because he says that the aforesaid his men of the honour of Richmond at the time when the aforesaid Henry the king the grandfather held the city of Lincoln in his hand and at the time

tem quieti fuerunt de teolonio dando in eadem villa et semper postea usque jam xij annis elapsis quod predicti Ballivi injuste distrinxerunt ipsos ad dandum Teolonium in eadem villa, unde dicit quod desicut ijdem homines sui tempore predicti H. Regis et semper postea usque jam xij annis elapsis quod predicti Ballivi ipsos injuste distrinxerunt pro predicto teolonio dando quieti extiterint ijdem Ballivi de predicta transgressione sua propria debent ipsi Petro sine domino Rege respondere Et quod predicti homines sui a conquestu Anglie sicut predictum est et eciam tempore predicti H. Regis avi et semper postea extiterunt quieti de teolonio dando in predicta Civitate Lincolnie usque jam .xij. annis elapsis quod predicti Ballivi ipsos injuste distrinxerunt Petit quod inquiratur per patriam Et predicti Ballivi precise dicunt quod nolunt nec debent se inde in aliquam inquisitionem ponere sine domino Rege eo quod teolonium predictum ad ipsum dominum Regem et heredes suos pertinet et sine ipso domino Rege illud in iudicium ponere non possunt Et Petrus per attornatum suum petit iudicium precise desicut predicti Ballivi jam xij annis elapsis ex transgressione sua propria injuste distrinxerunt predictos homines ipsius Petri ad dandum predictum teolonium Ita quod predictus

when he demised to the same his citizens the same city were quit from paying toll in the same town and ever afterwards until twelve years last past that the aforesaid bailiffs unjustly distrained them to the paying of toll in the same town. Whereupon he says that inasmuch as the same his men in the time of the aforesaid King Henry and ever afterwards until twelve years last past that the aforesaid bailiffs unjustly distrained them to the paying of the aforesaid toll, stood quit, the same bailiffs for the aforesaid their own trespass ought to answer to that Peter without the Lord King. And that the aforesaid his men from the conquest of England as is aforesaid, and also in the time of the aforesaid King Henry the grandfather and ever afterwards stood quit from paying toll in the aforesaid city of Lincoln until the twelve years last past that the aforesaid bailiffs unjustly distrained them. He prays that it may be enquired into by his country.

And the aforesaid bailiffs positively say that they will not nor ought not to put themselves therefor into any inquest without the Lord King because that the toll aforesaid appertains to that Lord King and his heirs, and they cannot put it into judgment without the Lord King.

And Peter by his attorney prays judgment positively inasmuch as the aforesaid bailiffs in the twelve years last past of their own trespass unjustly distrained the aforesaid men of that Peter to the paying of the aforesaid toll.

dominus H. Rex avus Regis nunc tempore quo dimisit predictis Civibus suis Civitatem Lincolnie ad feodi firmam non fuit in seisina de teolonio illo nec aliquis predecessorum ipsius H. Regis nec ijdem Cives unquam postea quousque jam xij annis elapsis sicut predictum est per coercionem et injustam districtionem suam ipsos homines suos distrinxerunt pro teolonio illo. et hoc idem offert verificare per patriam cum non sit factum domini Regis immo factum suum proprium si predicti Ballivi de facto suo proprio non debeant sine domino Rege respondere. Postea concordati sunt per licenciam. Et est concordia talis quod predicti Ballivi concesserunt quantum in eis est quod omnes homines de honore Richemund quieti sint infra metas Civitatis Lincolnie de omnibus rebus que nascuntur pascunt vel crescunt infra libertates predicti honoris et de omnibus rebus que emuntur ad sustentacionem dictorum hominum et tenencium suorum ejusdem honoris quod si contingat aliquem predictorum hominum ejusdem honoris aliquas res emere et ulterius vendere nomine mercandise vnde per fidem suam se acquietare noluerint quod res ille mercandise non sunt dabunt rationabile Teolonium sicut et ceteri mercatores dant de suis mercandisis. Dabunt eciam ijdem homines de qualibet Navi cum helmerother veniente infra metas predictae Civitatis duos denarios Et

Seeing that the aforesaid Lord King Henry the grandfather of the king that now is at the time when he demised to the aforesaid his citizens the city of Lincoln to fee-farm was not seised of that toll nor were any of the predecessors of that King Henry, nor the same citizens at any time after, until in the twelve years last past as is aforesaid by their coercion and unjust distress they distrained those his men for that toll, and this same he offers to prove upon his country, since it is not the act of the Lord King but on the contrary their own act, if the aforesaid bailiffs ought not to answer for their own act without the Lord King.

Afterwards the parties were agreed by licence. And the agreement is such that the aforesaid bailiffs have granted as far as in them lies that all the men of the honour of Richmond be quit within the bounds of the city of Lincoln of all things which are produced, feed or grow within the liberties of the aforesaid honour and of all things which are bought for the support of the said men and their tenants of the same honour, but if it happen that any one of the aforesaid men of the same honour buy any things and thereafter sell them in the name of merchandize whereof they will not on their faith acquit themselves that those things are not merchandize, they will pay reasonable toll just as also the rest of the merchants pay for their merchandizes. The same men will also pay for each ship with helm rudder coming within the

de qualibet Navi veniente cum handerother unum denarium Et hoc intelligendum est de Navibus cariantibus mercandisas prius emptas ab aliquibus mercatoribus et postea vendicioni expositas et non de aliis rebus.

Nos autem tenorem recordi et processus predictorum ad requisicionem Majoris Ballivorum et ceterorum Civium nostrorum Civitatis predictae tenore presencium duximus exemplificandum. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xxviiij die Januarij anno regni nostri tricesimo quinto.

Tañ.

Examinata per J. de Tañ et J. de
Colyngh Dupplicata.

boundaries of the aforesaid city two pence and for each ship coming with hand rudder one penny. And this is to be understood of ships carrying merchandizes previously bought from any merchants and afterwards exposed to sale and not of other things.

We therefore have caused the tenour of the record and process aforesaid at the request of the mayor, bailiffs and rest of our citizens of the city aforesaid to be exemplified by the tenour of these presents.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the twenty-eighth day of January in the thirty-fifth year of our reign.

Tañ.

Examined by J. de Tañ and
J. de Colyngh. Duplicate.

CHARTER OF KING RICHARD II.

[16 March, 1st year, 1378.]

RICARDUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Ducibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis ✓ salutem.

Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memorie dominus Edwardus nuper Rex Anglie auus noster fecit Ciuibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

Edwardus Dei gratia (etc....to) Wyndesore vicesimo secundo die Februarij anno regni nostri quarto.

Nos autem liberacionem donaciones concessioness et confirmationes predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris dictis Ciuibus Ciuitatis Lincolnie et eorum heredibus et successoribus Ciuibus Ciuitatis illis concedimus et confirmamus sicut carta predicta rationabiliter testatur. Preterea volentes eisdem Ciuibus gratiam facere specialem concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum vel quietanciarum in predicta carta contentarum et expressarum casu

RICHARD by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, dukes, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, provosts, ministers, and all his bailiffs and faithful men, greeting.

We have inspected the charter which the Lord Edward of illustrious memory late King of England our grandfather made to the citizens of Lincoln in these words.

Edward by the grace of God [and so on as in the charter 22 February, 4th year, ending] in the fourth year of our reign.

We therefore having ratified and gratified the delivery, gifts, grants and confirmations aforesaid, grant and confirm them for ourselves and our heirs to the said citizens of the city of Lincoln and their heirs and successors citizens of that city just as the charter aforesaid reasonably bears witness.

Moreover willing to bestow especial grace upon the same citizens we have granted to them for ourselves and our heirs that although they or their ancestors hitherto have not fully used any one or more of the liberties or quittances in the aforesaid charter contained and expressed by some chance

aliquo emergente hactenus plene usi non fuerint ✓ ipsi tamen ciues et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Ciuitatis illius libertate vel libertatibus et quietanciis illis decetero absque impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque plene gaudeant et utantur.

Hiis Testibus venerabilibus patribus S. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo tocius Anglie Primate. W. Londoniensi. A. Menevensi Cancellario. Th. Exoniensi Thesaurario nostris. Th. Karliolensi Episcopis. Johanne Rege Castelle et Legionis duce Lancastrie. Edmundo Comite Cantebriegie. Thoma Comite Bakinghamie Auunculis nostris. Ricardo Arundell'. Thoma de Bello Campo Warrewici. Hugone Staffordie Comitibus. Ricardo Le Scrope Senescallo hospicij nostri. Guidone de Briene Camerario nostro. Johanne de Fordham Custode priuati sigilli nostri et aliis.

Data per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium sexto decimo die Marcij anno regnorum nostrorum primo. Muskham.

per petitionem de magno consilio

Examinatum per Robertum
de Muscham et Johannem de
Burton clericos.

arising, nevertheless they the citizens and their heirs and successors citizens of that city may from henceforth fully enjoy and use them without hindrance of us or our heirs or our ministers whomsoever.

These being witnesses: The venerable fathers S[imon]¹ Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of all England, W[illiam]² Bishop of London, A[dam]³ Bishop of St Davids our Chancellor, Th[omas]⁴ Bishop of Exeter our Treasurer, Th[omas]⁵ Bishop of Carlisle, John King of Castile and Leon Duke of Lancaster, Edmund Earl of Cambridge, Thomas Earl of Buckingham, our uncles, Richard Arundell', Thomas de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick, Hugh Earl of Stafford, Richard Le Scrope Steward of our household, Guy de Briene our Chamberlain, John de Fordham Keeper of our privy seal, and others.

Dated by our hand at Westminster on the sixteenth day of March in the first year of our reigns. Muskham.

By petition of the great council.
Examined by Robert de Muscham
and John de Burton, clerks.

¹ Simon de Sudbury, *ob.* 1381.

³ Adam Houghton, *ob.* 1389.

⁵ Thomas de Appleby, 1363—1395.

² William de Courtenay, 1375—1381.

⁴ Thomas de Brintingham, *ob.* 1394.

CHARTER OF KING RICHARD II.

[18 April, 3rd year, 1380.]

RICARDUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie
Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint ✓ salutem.

Inspeximus quandam certificacionem domino E. nuper Regi Anglie
avo nostro in Cancellaria sua per Thesaurarium et Camerarium suos
de mandato suo missam in hec verba.

Placita de Comitatu Lincolniensi coram M. de Littlebury et sociis
suis Justiciariis itinerantibus in Crastino clausi Pasche anno regni
Regis Henrici filii Regis Johannis quadragesimo septimo. Ballivi
domini Regis de Civitate Lincolnie attachiati fuerunt ad responden-
dum Petro de Sabaudia de placito quare cum homines ipsius Petri de
honore Richemound' quieti hactenus extiterint de teoloneis in villa Lin-
colnie et aliis Civitatibus et Burgis Regis per Angliam predicti Ballivi
Lincolnie in prejudicium predicti Petri exigunt de predictis hominibus
suis venientibus in predictam villam teolonium de rebus venalibus
contra acquietanciam predictam et cetera. Et unde predictus Petrus
per attornatum suum queritur quod homines sui de honore Richemund'
a conquestu Anglie quieti extiterint de teoloneis in predicta villa Lin-
colnie et in omnibus aliis Civitatibus et Burgis Regis per Angliam de
omnibus rebus venalibus per ipsos emptis vel venditis predicti Ballivi
Regis Lincolnie jam xij annis elapsis exigerunt ab eisdem hominibus
ipsius Petri teoloneum de omnibus rebus venalibus ab eis in predicta
villa Lincolnie emptis vel venditis contra predictam acquietanciam
scilicet capiendo unum denarium de quolibet equo vendito vel empto
de quolibet bove unum obolum de quolibet carrecta ij*d.* de navi iij*d.* de

RICHARD by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of
Ireland to all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

We have inspected a certain certificate sent to the Lord Edward late King
of England our grandfather in his chancery by his treasurer and chamberlain
according to his mandate in these words :—

Pleas of the County of Lincoln [and so on as in the charter of King
Edward III, 28 Jan., 35th year, ending] and not of other things.

xxiiij bidentibus unum denarium de quolibet quarterio bladi unum denarium unde dicit quod deterioratus est et dampnum habet ad valenciam quingentarum librarum et cetera Et Ballivi veniunt et defendunt vim et injuriam quando et cetera Et dicunt quod juste exigunt predictum teoloneum ab hominibus predictis ipsius Petri quia dicunt quod dominus H. Rex Avus domini H. Regis nunc tempore quo ipse tenuit Civitatem Lincolnie in manum suam fuit in seisina capiendi teoloneum hujusmodi de eisdem hominibus de omnibus rebus suis venalibus emptis vel venditis in Civitate predicta Et dicunt quod idem dominus H. Rex Avus dimisit eis predictam Civitatem ad feodi firmam tenendam imperpetuum pro .ix.^{xx} libris per annum cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad predictam villam pertinentibus per cartam ipsius Regis quam proferunt et que testatur quod idem dominus Rex concessit civibus suis Lincolnie predictam villam suam Lincolnie tenendam ad feodi firmam pro predictis .ix.^{xx} libris reddendis per annum cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis imperpetuum, proferunt eciam cartam Regis R. avunculi Regis nunc et cartam J. Regis patris H. Regis nunc et eciam cartam ipsius domini Regis nunc predictam cartam H. Regis Avi confirmantem Unde dicunt quod cum ipsi teneant predictam Civitatem Lincolnie de domino Rege et predictum teoloneum capiant ut illud de quo predictus dominus Rex H. avus fuit in seisina tempore quo eis dimisit predictam Civitatem ad feodi firmam non possunt inde eidem Petro sine domino Rege respondere Et Petrus per attornatum suum dicit quod predicti Ballivi injuste exigunt predictum teoloneum de hominibus suis predictis quia dicit quod predicti homines sui de honore Richemund' tempore quo predictus H. Rex. Avus tenuit Civitatem Lincolnie in manu sua et tempore quo dimisit eisdem Civibus suis eandem Civitatem quieti fuerunt de teoloneo dando in eadem villa et semper postea usque jam xij annis elapsis quod predicti Ballivi injuste distrinxerunt ipsos ad dandum teoloneum in eadem villa unde dicit quod desicut ijdem homines sui tempore predicti H. Regis et semper postea usque jam xij annis elapsis quod predicti Ballivi ipsos injuste distrinxerunt pro predicto teoloneo dando quieti extiterint ijdem Ballivi de predicta transgressione sua propria debent ipsi Petro sine domino Rege respondere Et quod predicti homines sui a conquestu Anglie sicut predictum est et eciam tempore predicti H. Regis Avi et semper postea exti-

terunt quieti de teoloneo dando in predicta Civitate Lincolnie usque jam xij annis elapsis quod predicti Ballivi ipsos injuste distrinxerunt petit quod inquiratur per patriam Et predicti Ballivi precise dicunt quod nolunt nec debent se inde in aliquam inquisitionem ponere sine domino Rege eo quod teoloneum predictum ad ipsum dominum Regem et heredes suos pertinet et sine ipso domino Rege illud in judicium ponere non possunt Et Petrus per attornatum suum petit judicium precise desicut predicti Ballivi jam xij annis elapsis ex transgressione sua propria injuste distrinxerunt predictos homines ipsius Petri ad dandum predictum teoloneum Ita quod predictus dominus H. Rex Avus Regis nunc tempore quo dimisit predictis Civibus suis Civitatem Lincolniam ad feodi firmam non fuit in seisina de teoloneo illo nec aliquis predecessorum ipsius H. Regis nunc nec ijdem Cives unquam postea quousque jam xij annis elapsis sicut predictum est per coercionem et injustam districcionem suam ipsos homines suos distrinxerunt pro teoloneo illo et hoc idem offert verificare per patriam cum non sit factum domini Regis immo factum suum proprium si predicti Ballivi de facto suo proprio non debeant sine domino Rege respondere Postea concordati sunt per licenciam Et est concordia talis quod predicti Ballivi concesserunt quantum in eis est quod omnes homines de honore Richemund' quieti sint infra metas Civitatis Lincolnie de omnibus rebus que nascuntur pascunt vel crescunt infra libertates predicti honoris et de omnibus rebus que emuntur ad sustentacionem dictorum hominum et tenencium suorum ejusdem honoris Ita tamen quod si contingat aliquem predictorum hominum ejusdem honoris aliquas res emere et ulterius vendere nomine mercandise unde per fidem suam se acquietare noluerint quod res ille mercandise non sint dabunt inde racionabile teoloneum sicut et ceteri mercatores dant de suis mercandisiis, dabunt eciam ijdem homines de qualibet navi cum helmerother veniente infra metas predictae Civitatis duos denarios Et de qualibet navi veniente cum handerother unum denarium Et hoc inte[l]ligendum est de navibus cariantibus mercandisiis prius emptas ab aliquibus mercatoribus et postea vendicioni expositas et non de aliis rebus.

Nos autem certificacionem predictam ad requisicionem Civium predictorum duximus exemplificandam per presentes. In cujus rei

We therefore have caused the certificate aforesaid to be exemplified at the request of the citizens aforesaid by these presents.

testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso
apud Westmonasterium decimo octavo die Aprilis Anno regni nostri
tercio.

Lincoln'.

Examinata per Ricardum de Holme
et Johannem de Lincolnia clericos.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the eighteenth day of April in the
third year of our reign.

Lincoln.

Examined by Richard de Holme
and John de Lincoln, clerks.

CHARTER OF KING HENRY IV.

[21 November, 11th year, 1409.]

HENRICUS Dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Ducibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam confirmacionis domini Ricardi nuper Regis Anglie secundi post conquestum Ciuibus Ciuitatis Lincolnie et eorum heredibus et successoribus Ciuibus Ciuitatis illius factam in hec verba.

Ricardus Dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Ducibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memorie dominus Edwardus nuper Rex Anglie auus noster fecit Ciuibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

Edwardus Dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Sciatis nos cartam nostram dilectis nobis Maiori Balliuis et Ciuibus Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie, (etc. as in the charter of Edward III down to the concluding words) vicesimo secundo die Februarij anno regni nostri quarto.

HENRY by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, dukes, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, provosts, ministers, and all his bailiffs and faithful ones, greeting.

We have inspected the charter of confirmation of the Lord Richard late King of England the second after the conquest made to the citizens of the city of Lincoln and their heirs and successors citizens of that city in these words.

Richard by the grace of God [and so on as in the charter of King Richard II, 16th March, 1st year, ending] in the first year of our reigns.

Nos autem liberacionem donaciones concessiones et confirmaciones predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris dictis Ciuibus Ciuitatis Lincolnie et eorum heredibus et successoribus Ciuibus Ciuitatis illius concedimus et confirmamus sicut carta predicta rationabiliter testatur. Preterea volentes eisdem Ciuibus gratiam facere specialem concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum vel quietanciarum in predicta carta contentarum et expressarum casu aliquo emergente hactenus plene usi non fuerint ipsi tamen Cives et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Ciuitatis illius libertate vel libertatibus et quietanciis illis decetero absque impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque plene gaudeant et vtantur.

Hiis testibus Venerabilibus patribus S. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo tocius Anglie Primate W. Londoniensi A. Menevensi Cancellario Thoma Exoniensi Thesaurario nostris Thoma Karliolensi Episcopis Johanne Rege Castelle et Legionis Duce Lancastrie Edmundo Comite Cantebrigie Thoma Comite Buringhamie Auunculis nostris Ricardo Arundell' Thoma de Bellocampo Warrewici Hugone Stafford' Comitibus Ricardo Lescrop' Senescallo hospicii nostri Guidone de Briene Camerario nostro Johanne de Fordham Custode privati sigilli nostri et aliis.

Data per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium sexto decimo die Marcij anno Regnorum nostrorum primo.

Nos autem liberacionem donaciones concessiones et confirmaciones predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris dictis Ciuibus Ciuitatis Lincolnie et eorum heredibus et successoribus Ciuibus Ciuitatis illius concedimus et confirmamus sicut carta predicta rationabiliter testatur. Preterea volentes eisdem Ciuibus gratiam facere specialem concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod

We therefore having ratified and gratified the delivery, gifts, grants and confirmations aforesaid, grant and confirm them for ourselves and our heirs to the said citizens of the city of Lincoln and their heirs and successors citizens of that city just as the charter aforesaid reasonably bears witness.

Moreover, willing to bestow especial grace upon the same citizens, we have granted to them for ourselves and our heirs that although they or their

licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum vel quietanciarum in predicta carta contentarum et expressarum casu aliquo emergente hactenus plene usi non fuerint ipsi tamen Ciues et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Ciuitatis illius libertate vel libertatibus et quietanciis illis decetero absque impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque plene gaudeant et vtantur.

Insuper ad insinuacionem dilectorum nobis Maioris et Communitatis Ciuitatis nostre predictae accipientes qualiter ipsi et eorum predecessores Ciuitatem predictam ad firmam de nobilibus progenitoribus nostris quondam Regibus Anglie et nobis antiquitus habuerint et tenuerint Reddendo inde per annum ad Scaccarium ipsorum progenitorum nostrorum et nostrum Centum et quater viginti libras et qualiter terre redditus franchises libertates proficua et alie commoditates unde dicta feodi firma emergere et leuari solebat ad presens in tantum devastata subtracta diminuta et exinannita existunt quod eadem feodi firma infra Ciuitatem predictam leuabilis non existit, nec Maior et Communitas predicti eandem feodi firmam de terris franchises libertatibus redditibus et proficuis predictis leuare et colligere sciunt neque possunt in status ipsorum Maioris et com-

ancestors hitherto have not fully used any one or more of the liberties or quittances in the aforesaid charter contained and expressed by reason of any chance arising, nevertheless they the citizens and their heirs and successors citizens of that city may fully enjoy and use that the liberty or those the liberties and quittances from henceforth without hindrance of us or our heirs or our ministers whomsoever.

Furthermore at the notification of our beloved the mayor and commonalty of our city aforesaid accepting how they and their predecessors of old times had and held the city aforesaid to farm from our noble progenitors formerly kings of England and from us Yielding therefor by the year at the exchequer of those our progenitors and of ourselves one hundred and fourscore pounds and how the lands, rents, franchises, liberties, profits and other the commodities whereout the said fee-farm was wont to arise and be levied at the present time stand so greatly devastated, reduced, diminished and made void that the same fee-farm is not able to be levied within the city aforesaid, and the mayor and commonalty aforesaid know not how to levy and collect the same fee-farm from the lands, franchises, liberties, rents and profits aforesaid, and cannot support such on account of the depression of the state of them

munitatis depressionem et ejusdem Ciuitatis per processum temporis verisimilem destruccionem nisi de auxilio et remedio per nos in hac parte gracie prouideatur, de gracia nostra speciali concessimus prefatis Maiori et Communitati Ciuitatem predictam ac suburbia et procinctum ejusdem Saluis semper et reseruatis nobis et heredibus nostris Ducibus Lancastrie Castro Lincolnie ac fossatis et muris ejusdem infra et extra cum omnibus suis membris visu franciplegij et quicquid ad visum franciplegij pertinet, ac omnimodis aliis franchesiis et libertatibus adeo libere et integre sicut Johannes nuper Dux Lancastrie pater noster et Blanchea nuper uxor sua mater nostra seu aliquis antecessorum ejusdem matris nostre seu ipsi qui in Constabular' dicti Castri Lincolnie habuerunt ac adeo libere et integre sicut in recordo cujusdam commissionis de audiendo et terminando nuper per predictum dominum et patrem nostrum versus Robertum Leedes et alios coram Roberto de Woloughby Chiualer et aliis Justiciariis ad hoc assignatis anno regni Carissimi domini et Consanguinei nostri Regis Ricardi terciodecimo prosecute continetur, de quibus quidem Castro ballio libertatibus et franchesiis predictis cum pertinenciis volumus quod occupacio Officiariis et Ministris Ducatus nostri Lancastrie pertineat, absque eo quod predicti Maior et Communitas seu eorum successores exnunc infra predicta Castrum ballium

the mayor and commonalty and similar destruction of that same city in process of time unless provision of aid and remedy be graciously provided by us in this behalf. We of our especial grace have granted to the abovesaid mayor and commonalty the city aforesaid and the suburbs and precinct thereof. Saving always and reserved to us and our heirs Dukes of Lancaster the castle of Lincoln and the ditches and walls thereof within and without with all its members, view of frankpledge and whatsoever appertains to the view of frankpledge and all manner of other the franchises and liberties as freely and wholly just as John late Duke of Lancaster our father and Blanche late his wife our mother or any one of the ancestors of the same our mother or those who held as constables of the said castle of Lincoln and as freely and wholly as is contained in the record of a certain commission of oyer and terminer lately sued out by the aforesaid lord and our father against Robert Leedes and others before Robert de Woloughby, chevalier, and others the justices assigned to this matter in the thirteenth year of the reign of our very dear lord and kinsman King Richard : Of which castle forsooth baileys liberties and franchises aforesaid with the appurtenances we will that the occupation belong to the officers and ministers of our Duchy of Lancaster, forbidding that the aforesaid mayor and commonalty or their successors from henceforth inter-

muros fossata seu franchisesias de aliquo se interponant seu misceant aliter quam temporibus dictorum patris et matris nostrorum et antecessorum suorum faciebant Habendum et tenendum eisdem Maiori et Communitati et successoribus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris Regibus Anglie ut predictum est per feodi firmam supradictam In cujus quidem feodi firme auxilium et supportacionem et dicte Ciuitatis releuamen de gracia nostra speciali concessimus predictis Maiori et Communitati quod ipsi eorum heredes et successores decetero loco balliuorum Ciuitatis predictae duos Vicecomites de Ciuibus ejusdem Ciuitatis eligere possint. quodque ijdem Maior Vicecomites et Communitas Ciuitatis illius ac eorum heredes et successores omnes libertates et franchisesias per dictos progenitores nostros ab antiquo concessas habere et eis gaudere valeant, et quod nomen balliuorum Ciuitatis predictae in nomen vicecomitum sit translatum et dicta Ciuitas Comitatus Ciuitatis Lincolnie sit appellata Concessimus eciam ex habundanti gracia nostra prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati libertates franchisesias et proficua subsequencia sibi et eorum heredibus et successoribus imperpetuum optinenda, videlicet quod predicta Ciuitas ac suburbia et procinctum ejusdem, Castro et ballio Lincolnie ac muris et fossatis ejusdem ut predictum est exceptis, exnunc im-

pose or intrude themselves within the aforesaid castle, baileys, walls, ditches or franchises in any manner otherwise than they did in the times of the said our father and mother and their ancestors. To have and to hold to the same mayor and commonalty and their successors of us and our heirs kings of England as is aforesaid by the fee-farm abovesaid. In aid and support indeed of which fee-farm and in relief of the said city of our especial grace we have granted to the aforesaid mayor and commonalty that they their heirs and successors from henceforward in place of the bailiffs of the city aforesaid may elect two sheriffs from the citizens of the same city. And that the same mayor, sheriffs and commonalty of that city and their heirs and successors may be able to have all the liberties and franchises of old times granted by the said our progenitors and to enjoy them, and that the name of the bailiffs of the city aforesaid be transferred into the name of the sheriffs and the said city be called the county of the city of Lincoln.

We have also granted of our abundant grace to the beforesaid mayor, sheriffs and commonalty the liberties, franchises and profits following to themselves and their heirs and successors for ever to be possessed, that is to say, that the aforesaid city and suburbs and precinct thereof—the castle and bailey of Lincoln and the walls and ditches thereof as is aforesaid being

perpetuum Comitatus Ciuitatis Lincolnie nuncupentur et quod Maior Ciuitatis predicte qui pro tempore fuerit Escaetor noster et heredum nostrorum infra eandem Ciuitatem ac suburbia et procinctum ejusdem existat et sacramentum suum pro dicto officio Escaetoris eodem tempore et coram eisdem personis faciat coram quibus sacramentum faciet pro dicto officio Maioratus, et quod Vicecomites dicte Ciuitatis pro tempore existentes coram Maiore et Communitate ejusdem Ciuitatis in Gihalda ejusdem jurati existant absque aliquibus breuibz inde penes nos et heredes nostros prosequendis ac quod Escaetores et Vicecomites Ciuitatis predicte qui pro tempore fuerint jurisdictionem potestatem et libertatem faciendi executionem de omni eo quod ad officia Escaetoris et Vicecomitum infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum predicta pertinet habere possint, quodque dicti Vicecomites pro tempore existentes Comitatus suos de sex septimanis in sex septimanas modo quo Comitatus in Comitatu Lincolnensi tenentur tenere possint, et quod ipsi Curiis suis vti et eas habere et tenere possint modo quo antiquitus infra Ciuitatem predictam coram Maiore et Balliuis ejusdem consuetum et vsitatum fuit Ac quod dicti Maior Vicecomites et Communitas proficua Curiarum predictarum habere possint modo et forma quibus Balliui Ciuitatis predicte ea antiquitus habuerunt, Ac quod Escaetores et Vicecomites Ciuitatis predicte qui

excepted—from henceforth for ever be called the county of the city of Lincoln, and that the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being be the escheator of us and our heirs within the same city and suburbs and precinct thereof and take his oath for the said office of escheator at the same time and before the same persons before whom he makes oath for the said office of the mayoralty. And that the sheriffs of the said city for the time being be sworn before the mayor and commonalty of the same city in the Guildhall thereof, without suing out any writs therefor in possession of us and our heirs. And that the escheators and sheriffs of the city aforesaid for the time being may have jurisdiction, power and liberty of making execution of everything that appertains to the offices of escheator and sheriffs within the city, suburbs and precinct aforesaid. And that the said sheriffs for the time being may hold their county [courts] every six weeks in the manner in which the county [courts] are held in the county of Lincoln. And that they may use their courts and have and hold them in the manner in which it was accustomed and used to hold them of old time within the city aforesaid before the mayor and bailiffs thereof. And that the said mayor, sheriffs and commonalty may have the profits of the courts aforesaid in the manner and form in which the bailiffs of the city aforesaid had them of old time. And that the escheators

pro tempore fuerint singulis annis profra et compotos sua ad Scaccarium nostrum et heredum nostrorum per attornatum vel attornatos suos sufficientem potestatem per litteras patentes communi sigillo Ciuitatis predicte sigillatas ad hoc habentem seu habentes facere valeant quodque Thesaurarii et Barones de eodem Scaccario dictos attornatum vel attornatos ad hoc faciendum recipiant absque eo quod predicti Escaetor et Vicecomites seu eorum successores ad veniendum extra Ciuitatem predictam pro compoto de aliquibus rebus que officium Escaetrie seu Vicecomitis Ciuitatis predicte concernunt reddendo compellantur Volentes insuper et concedentes quod predicti Maior et Vicecomites et eorum heredes et successores cum quatuor de discretioribus hominibus Ciuitatis predicte per Communitatem ejusdem ad hoc eligendis imperpetuum habeant plenam correccionem punicionem auctoritatem et potestatem inquirendi audiendi et terminandi omnimodas materias querelas defectus causas et articulos que ad officium Justiciariorum pacis ac laboratorum et artificum pertinent et omnimoda alia infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum predicta per terram et per aquam accidentia seu contingencia et que aliquo modo coram Justiciariis pacis laboratorum et artificum inquire et terminari poterunt adeo integre et plenarie prout Justiciarii pacis laboratorum

and sheriffs of the city aforesaid for the time being may be able to make every year their proffers and accompts at the exchequer of us and our heirs by their attorney or attorneys, having one or more sufficient power by letters patent for this purpose, sealed with the common seal of the city aforesaid. And that the treasurers and barons of the same exchequer receive the said attorney or attorneys to the making thereof, without the aforesaid escheator and sheriffs or their successors being compelled to come without the city aforesaid for rendering accompt concerning any things which concern the office of the escheatorship or of the sheriff of the city aforesaid.

Willing moreover and granting that the aforesaid mayor and sheriffs and their heirs and successors with four of the more discreet men of the city aforesaid, to be elected on this behalf by the commonalty thereof, for ever have full correction, punishment, authority and power of enquiring into, hearing and determining all manner of matters, complaints, defects, causes and articles which appertain to the office of justices of the peace and of labourers and artificers and all manner of other things arising or happening within the city, suburbs and precinct aforesaid, by land or by water, and which in any manner may be investigated and determined before justices of the peace labourers and artificers, as wholly and fully as the justices of the peace

et artificum in Comitatu Lincolnensi ante hec tempora habuerunt et vsi fuerunt absque eo quod Justiciarii nostri pacis laboratorum et artificum seu heredum nostrorum infra Comitatum Ciuitatis predicte de aliquibus rebus causis querelis materiis defectibus seu alio articulo quocumque Justiciariis pacis laboratorum et artificum pertinentibus exnunc aliqu-liter se intromittant Preterea ex habundanti gracia nostra concessimus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati et eorum heredibus et successoribus franchises et libertates subscriptas videlicet quod habeant catalla vtlagatorum felonum et fugitivorum de omnibus hominibus tenentibus et residentibus infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum predicta licet alibi extra eandem Ciuitatem de nobis seu de aliis tenuerint Ita quod si quis eorum pro delicto suo vitam vel membrum debeat amittere vel fugerit et iudicio stare noluerit vel aliud quodcumque delictum fecerit per quod catalla sua debeat perdere vbicumque iusticia de eo debeat fieri sive in Curia nostra vel heredum nostrorum sive in aliis Curiis ipsa catalla sint Maioris Vicecomitum et Communitatis heredum et successorum suorum, et quod liceat eis seu Ministris suis sine impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum Vicecomitum aut aliorum Balliuorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque ponere se in seisinam de catallis predictis et

labourers and artificers in the county of Lincoln before these times have had and used, forbidding that the justices of the peace labourers and artificers of us or our heirs in any way whatever from henceforth within the county of the city aforesaid interpose themselves concerning any things, causes, complaints, matters, defects, or any other article whatsoever.

Moreover of our abundant grace we have granted to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs and commonalty and their heirs and successors, the franchises and liberties under-written, that is to say, that they have the chattels of outlaws, felons and fugitives of all the men tenants and residents within the city, suburbs and precinct aforesaid, although they may have held of us or of others elsewhere without the same city. So that if any one of them for his offence ought to lose life or limb, or has fled and would not stand to judgment, or has committed any other offence whatsoever whereby he ought to lose his chattels wheresoever justice ought to be executed concerning him, whether in the court of us or our heirs or in other courts, those chattels are to belong to the mayor, sheriffs and commonalty, their heirs and successors, and that it be lawful to them or their ministers without hindrance of us or our heirs, our sheriffs, or other the bailiffs or ministers whomsoever, to take seisin

ea ad vsum predictorum Maioris Vicecomitum et Communitatis heredum et successorum suorum retinere, et quod habeant imperpetuum omnes fines pro quibuscumque transgressionibus et delictis aceciam fines pro licencia concordandi ac omnia amerciamenta redempciones exitus forisfactos forisfacturas annum diem et vastum estreppamentum ac omnia que ad nos et heredes nostros pertinere poterunt de hujusmodi anno die et vasto necnon de murdris de omnibus hominibus tenentibus et residentibus in Ciuitate suburbiis et procinctu predictis licet alibi de nobis seu de aliis tenuerint aut in quibuscumque Curiis nostris et heredum nostrorum homines tenentes et residentes illos tam coram nobis et heredibus nostris in Cancellaria nostra ac coram Thesaurariis et Baronibus nostris et heredum nostrorum de Scaccario et coram Justiciariis nostris et heredum nostrorum de Banco et coram Senescallo et Marescallo seu clerico Mercati hospicii nostri et heredum nostrorum qui pro tempore fuerint et in aliis Curiis nostris et heredum nostrorum quam coram Justiciariis nostris itinerantibus ad communia placita fforeste et quibuscumque aliis Justiciariis nostris et Ministris ac heredum nostrorum tam in presencia nostra et heredum nostrorum quam in absencia nostra et heredum nostrorum fines facere vel amerciari exitus forisfacere annum diem et vastum seu forisfacturas et murdra adjudicari contigerit, et que fines amerciamenta redemp-

of the chattels aforesaid and retain them to the use of the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs and commonalty, their heirs and successors, and that they have for ever all fines for whatsoever trespasses and offences, and also fines for licence of agreement, and all amercements, redemptions, issues, forfeits, forfeitures, year and a day, and waste estripment and all things which could appertain to us and our heirs in respect of such manner of year and a day and waste, also of murders of all men tenants and residents in the city, suburbs and precinct aforesaid although they may have held of us or of others elsewhere or in any whatsoever courts of us and our heirs, if it happen those men tenants and residents as well before us and our heirs in our chancery, and before the treasurers and barons of us and our heirs of the exchequer and before the justices of us and our heirs of the bench, and before the steward and marshall or clerk of the market of the household of us and our heirs for the time being, and in other the courts of us and our heirs as before our justices in eyre for the common pleas of the forest and whomsoever other the justices and ministers of us and our heirs as well in the presence of us and our heirs as in the absence of us and our heirs, to be fined or amerced, to forfeit issues, to be adjudged year and a day and waste or forfeitures and murders, and which

ciones exitus annus dies vastum siue estreppamentum forisfacture murdra ad nos vel heredes nostros possint pertinere si prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati et heredibus et successoribus suis concessa non fuissent. Et quod habeant in Ciuitate predicta singulis annis unam feriam incepturam per quindecim dies ante festum depositionis Sancti Hugonis et duraturam per quindecim dies post festum predictum. Et insuper ex habundanti concessimus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati ac eorum heredibus et successoribus illas sex libras de firma quam Telarii Ciuitatis predictae nobis annuatim reddunt ad Scaccarium nostrum pro Gilda sua habenda infra Ciuitatem predictam habendum eisdem Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati et eorum heredibus et successoribus imperpetuum in auxilium solucionis firme Ciuitatis predictae Nolentes quod per transacionem alternacionem et mutacionem nominum Balliuorum Ciuitatis predictae nec per aliquam aliam causam seu colorem aliqua vel alique franchisesiarum libertatum privilegiorum [im]munitatum quietanciarum seu proficuorum prefatis Maiori et Communitati eorum heredibus successoribus tenentibus et residentibus infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum predicta per nobiles progenitores nostros antiquitus concessa quouis modo denegata restricta diminuta seu abreuviata existant,

finis, amercements, redemptions, issues, year and a day, waste or estripment, forfeitures and murders might appertain to us or our heirs if they had not been granted to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs and commonalty and their heirs and successors. And that they have in the city aforesaid in each year one fair which is to commence for fifteen days before the feast of the deposition of Saint Hugh and to endure for fifteen days after the feast aforesaid.

And moreover of [our] abundant [grace] we have granted to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs and commonalty and their heirs and successors those six pounds of farm which the webbers of the city aforesaid yearly yield to us at our exchequer for having their guild within the city aforesaid. To hold to the same mayor, sheriffs and commonalty and their heirs and successors for ever in aid of the payment of the farm of the city aforesaid. Being unwilling that by reason of the transference, alteration and change of the names of the bailiffs of the city aforesaid or by any other cause or pretext any one or more of the franchises, liberties, privileges, immunities, quittances or profits to the abovesaid mayor and commonalty, their heirs, successors, tenants and residents within the city, suburbs and precinct aforesaid of old times granted by our noble progenitors be in any way whatever denied, restricted, diminished or

set quod predicti Maior Vicecomites et Communitas eorum heredes et successores omnia et singula franchises libertates privilegia immunitates quietancias commoditates et consuetudines de articulo in articulum de verbo in verbum habeant teneant et vtantur que predicti Maior Balliui et Communitas Ciuitatis predictae eorum antecessores et predecessores ante mutacionem nominum Balliuorum predictorum ex concessionibus progenitorum nostrorum habuerunt et vsi fuerunt Intencionis tamen nostre non existit nec volumus quod Maior Balliui et Communitas Lincolnie vel heredes aut successores sui vigore seu colore aliquorum officiorum suorum Maioris Vicecomitum Escaetoris Justiciariorum pacis seu alicujus alterius officij vel cause seu virtute vel colore aliquarum libertatum et franchisesiarum superius declaratarum aut consuetudinum quarumcumque habeant vel aliquis eorum habeat jurisdictionem aliquam exercitium intromissionem vel cognitionem quamcumque infra ecclesiam Cathedralē Lincolnie nec Clausum libertates et franchisesias ejusdem nec de decano Canonicis Vicariis seu aliis Ministris ejusdem ecclesie, nec eorum officiariis seruientibus tenentibus et residentibus infra ecclesiam et clausum predicta vel de eorum aliquo aut eorum successoribus pro aliquibus rebus vel causis quocumque nomine censeantur infra eadem ecclesiam

abbreviated, but that the aforesaid the mayor, sheriffs and community, their heirs and successors have, hold and use all and singular the franchises, liberties, privileges, immunities, quittances, commodities and customs, article for article and word for word which the aforesaid the mayor, bailiffs and commonalty of the city aforesaid, their ancestors and predecessors had and used before the change of the names of the bailiffs aforesaid by grants of our progenitors.

Nevertheless it is not of our intention and we will not that the mayor, bailiffs and commonalty of Lincoln, nor their heirs and successors by virtue or pretext of any of their offices of mayor, sheriffs, escheator, justices of the peace, or of any other office or cause, or by virtue or pretext of any the liberties and franchises above declared or of any customs whatsoever have, nor any one of them have, any jurisdiction, exercise, interference or recognition whatsoever within the Cathedral Church of Lincoln nor the close liberties and franchises thereof, nor of the dean, canons, vicars or others the ministers of the same church, nor of their officers, serjeants, tenants and residents within the church and close aforesaid, or of any of them or their successors for any matters or causes by whatsoever name they be designated, done or to be done within

et clausum factis vel faciendis, nec de contractibus rebus seu aliquo alio defectu contractu vel delicto cujuscumque generis fuerint vel nature facere attemptare interponere seu intromittere infra ecclesiam et clausum predicta pro aliquibus rebus causis vel contractibus quibuscumque extra ecclesiam et clausum predicta infra dicta Ciuitatem suburbia et Procinctum vel alibi infuturum quomodolibet factis vel faciendis, Set quod Decanus et Capitulum ecclesie predictae et eorum successores omnia feoda libertates privilegia franchises vsus et consuetudines sua quecumque per ipsos eorum Ministros tenentes et residentes ac eorum predecessores antiquitus eis concessa habita vel vsitata infra ecclesiam clausum Ciuitatem suburbia et Procinctum predicta habeant et eis libere pacifice integre et illese in omnibus et per omnia gaudeant et vtantur Quodque ecclesia et clausum predicta in omnibus et per omnia prout [ante]¹ hec tempora fuerunt et fieri debuerunt vel rationabiliter consueuerunt gubernentur deducantur et pertractentur Presenti concessione nostra et aliorum progenitorum et antecessorum nostrorum prefatis Maiori Balliuis et Communitati vt premittitur facta vel aliqua alia eis heredibus vel successoribus suis

the same church and close, nor concerning contracts, matters or any other defect, contract or offence, be they of what kind they may, or of whatsoever nature they be, to do, to attempt, to interfere or to interpose within the church and close aforesaid for any matters, causes or contracts whatsoever without the church and close aforesaid within the said city, suburb and precinct, or elsewhere from henceforward in any manner whatever done or to be done. But that the dean and chapter of the church aforesaid and their successors have all their fees, liberties, privileges, franchises, uses and customs whatsoever by them their ministers, tenants and residents, and their predecessors of old times, to them granted, held or used within the church, close, city, suburbs and precinct aforesaid, and enjoy and use them freely, peacefully, wholly and unimpaired in all things, and by all things. And that the church and close aforesaid in all things and by all things be governed, carried on and dealt with just as [before] these times they have been, and ought to have been, or reasonably have been wont to be governed. The present grant of us and others our progenitors and ancestors made as is aforesaid to the aforesaid the mayor, bailiffs and commonalty or any other things to them, their heirs

¹ *prout ante hec tempora*, in the charter of 2 Hen. VI., 24 Jan., 1424. See also p. 129.

per nos vel heredes aut successores nostros imposterum facienda non obstante Compositione vero inter Decanum et Capitulum ecclesie Lincolnie predictæ ex parte vna et Maiorem et Communitatem Lincolnie ex parte altera quondam per considerationem carissimi domini et patris nostri predicti facta in suo robore juxta tenorem et effectum ejusdem in omnibus continue futuris temporibus permanente Saluis eciam Henrico de Bello Monte domino de ffolynggham et heredibus suis omnibus libertatibus et franchesiis suis infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum predicta adeo integre et eodem modo prout ipse eas habet et antecessores sui eas ante hec tempora habuerunt.

Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus Th. Cantuariensi tocius Anglie Primate Cancellario nostro H. Eboracensi Anglie Primate Archiepiscopis R. Londoniensi Th. Dunolmensi N. Bathoniensi et Wellensi Episcopis Edwardo Duce Eboraci Johanne Comite Somersete Camerario nostro Johanne Typtot Thesaurario nostro Anglie Magistro Johanne Prophete Custode Priuati sigilli nostri et Johanne Stanley Senescalco hospicij nostri et aliis.

or successors by us or our heirs or successors hereafter to be made notwithstanding, but the composition made between the dean and chapter of the church of Lincoln aforesaid on the one part, and the mayor and commonalty of Lincoln on the other part at a former time by the consideration of our very dear lord and father aforesaid, remaining in its force after the tenor and effect thereof in all things continually for the future. Saving also to Henry de Beaumont Lord of Folynggham and his heirs all their liberties and franchises within the city, suburbs and precincts aforesaid, as wholly and after the same manner as he has them and his ancestors held them before these times.

These being witnesses: the Venerable fathers Th.¹ Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of all England our Chancellor, H[enry]² Archbishop of York Primate of England, R[ichard]³ Bishop of London, Th[omas]⁴ Bishop of Durham, N[icholas]⁵ Bishop of Bath and Wells, Edward Duke of York, John Earl of Somerset our Chamberlain, John Typtot our Treasurer of England, Master John Prophete keeper of our Privy Seal, and John Stanley Steward of our household and others.

¹ Thomas Fitz-Alan of Arundel, 1396—1414.

² Richard Clifford, 1407—1421.

⁵ Nicholas Bubbewith, 1408—1424.

² Henry Bowet, 1407—1423.

⁴ Thomas Langley, 1406—1437.

Data per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium vicesimo primo
die Novembris Anno regni nostri vndecimo. Roderham.

Per breve de privato sigillo et
pro quinquaginta marcis solutis
in hanaperio.

Examinata per Johannem Roderham
et Ricardum Bolton clericos.

Endorsed :—**¶** Irrotulata coram domino Rege apud Westmonas-
terium termino Sancte Trinitatis Anno regni Regis Henrici quarti
post conquestum undecimo—Rotulo xxxvj.

¶ Irrotulata in Memorandis Scaccarij de anno vndecimo Regis
Henrici quarti inter Recorda de termino Sancti Hillarij ex parte
Rememoratoris Thesaurarie.

Great seal, imperfect.

Dated by our hand at Westminster on the twenty-first day of November,
in the eleventh year of our reign. Roderham.

By writ of privy seal and for fifty
marks paid into the hanaper.

Examined by John Roderham
and Richard Bolton, clerks.

Endorsed **¶** Enrolled before the Lord King at Westminster in Trinity
Term in the eleventh year of the reign of King Henry the Fourth after the
conquest. In the thirty-sixth Roll.

¶ Enrolled in the Memoranda of the Exchequer of the eleventh year of
King Henry the Fourth among the records of Hilary Term on the behalf of
the Remembrancer of the Treasury.

CHARTER OF KING HENRY V.

[15 December, 2nd year, 1414.]

* * To which is attached a charter of King Henry VI.

[25 July, 17th year, 1439.]

[H]ENRICUS Dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Ducibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis ✓ salutem.

Inspeximus cartam domini H. nuper Regis Anglie patris nostri factam in hec verba.

Henricus Dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie, (etc.....to) Westmonasterium vicesimo primo die Novembris anno regni nostri vndecimo.

Nos autem liberacionem donaciones concessioness voluntates et confirmaciones predictas ac omnia alia et singula in cartis et literis predictis contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est nunc Maiori et Communitati dicte Ciuitatis Lincolnie ac Ciuibus ejusdem Ciuitatis et eorum heredibus

HENRY by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, dukes, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, provosts, ministers, and all his bailiffs and faithful men, greeting.

We have inspected the charter of the Lord Henry, late King of England, our father, made in these words.

Henry by the grace of God King of England and France [and so on as in the charter of King Henry IV, 21 November, 11th year, ending] in the eleventh year of our reign.

We therefore having ratified and gratified the delivery, gifts, grants, wills and confirmations aforesaid, and all and singular other the things contained in the charters and letters aforesaid, grant and confirm them for ourselves and our heirs as much as in us lies to the present mayor and commonalty of the said city of Lincoln and the citizens of the same city and their heirs and

et successoribus Maiori et Communitati ac Ciuibus Ciuitatis illius concedimus et confirmamus prout carte et litere predictae rationabiliter testantur. Preterea volentes eisdem Maiori et Communitati ac Ciuibus predictis gratiam in hac parte facere vberiore^m ✓ concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores Maiores et Communitas ac Cives ibidem aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum sive quietanciarum seu aliquorum aliorum in cartis et literis predictis contentorum aliquo casu emergente hucusque usi non fuerint ✓ ipsi tamen Major et communitas ac cives et eorum heredes et successores Majores et communitas ac Cives Ciuitatis illius libertatibus et quietanciis predictis ac ceteris aliis in cartis et literis predictis contentis et eorum quolibet decetero plene gaudeant et vtantur absque impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum Justiciariorum Escaetorum Vicecomitum aut aliorum Balliuorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque.

Hiis testibus Venerabilibus patribus. H. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo totius Anglie Primate H. Wyntoniensi Auunculo nostro carissimo Cancellario nostro R. Norwicensi Episcopis Thoma Clarencie Johanne Bedfordie Humfrido Gloucestrie fratribus nostris Carissimis et

successors the mayor and commonalty and citizens of that city just as the charters and letters aforesaid reasonably bear witness.

Moreover, willing to bestow a more abundant grace in this behalf upon the same mayor and commonalty and citizens aforesaid, we have granted to them for ourselves and our heirs that although they or their ancestors, mayors and commonalty and citizens therein hitherto have not used any one or more of the liberties or quittances or any other things contained in the charters and letters aforesaid by reason of any chance arising, nevertheless they, the mayor and commonalty and citizens and their heirs and successors mayors and commonalty and citizens of that city, may from henceforth fully enjoy and use the liberties and quittances aforesaid and the rest of the other things contained in the charters and letters aforesaid, and any one whatsoever of them, without hindrance of us or our heirs or any whomsoever of our justices, escheators, sheriffs or others bailiffs or ministers.

These being witnesses: the venerable fathers H[enry]¹ Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of all England, H[enry]² Bishop of Winchester our dearest uncle our Chancellor, R[ichard]³ Bishop of Norwich, Thomas Duke of Clarence, John Duke of Bedford, Humfrey Duke of Gloucester our

¹ Henry Chicheley, *ob.* 1443.

² Henry Beaufort, *ob.* 1447.

³ Richard de Courtenay, *ob.* 1415.

Edwardo Eboraci Consanguineo nostro Ducibus Thoma Arundell
Thesaurario nostro Ricardo Warrewici Consanguineis nostris Co-
mitibus. Henrico Fitz Hugh' Camerario nostro Thoma Erpyngham
Senescallo Hospicii nostri Militibus et Magistro Johanne Prophete
Custode Privati sigilli nostri et aliis.

Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium quinto decimo
die Decembris Anno regni nostri secundo. Frank.

per ipsum Regem.

Examinatum per Johannem Frank et
Willelmum Aghton, clericos.

Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie
Justiciariis suis ad assisas in Comitatu Lincolnensi capiendum as-
signatis ✓ salutem.

Cum inter ceteras libertates et quietancias Maiori et Ciuibus Ciui-
tatis nostre Lincolnie per cartas progenitorum nostrorum quondam
Regum Anglie quas confirmavimus concessas concessum sit eisdem
quod ipsi et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Ciuitatis predicte
habeant retorna omnium breuium nostrorum et heredum nostrorum
necnon omnium summonicionum de omnibus dictam Ciuitatem et

dearest brothers and Edward Duke of York our kinsman, Thomas Earl of
Arundell our treasurer, Richard Earl of Warwick our kinsmen, Sir Henry
Fitz Hugh our chamberlain, Sir Thomas Erpyngham steward of our house-
hold, knights, and Master John Prophete keeper of our privy seal and others.

Dated by our hand at Westminster on the fifteenth day of December in
the second year of our reign. Frank.

By the king himself.

Examined by John Frank and
William Aghton, clerks.

Henry by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of
Ireland to his justices assigned to the taking of the assizes in the county of
Lincoln.

Whereas, among other the liberties and quittances granted to the mayor
and citizens of our city of Lincoln by the charters of our progenitors formerly
kings of England which we have confirmed, it is granted to the same that
they and their heirs and successors, citizens of the city aforesaid, have the
returns of all the writs of us and our heirs, also of all summonses concerning

Suburbium eiusdem contingentibus et quod nullus eorum de re aliqua que infra eandem Ciuitatem et suburbium fieret seu eveniret per homines forinsecos committatur nisi res illa tangeret nos vel heredes nostros seu communitatem eiusdem Ciuitatis et quod nullus eorum placitet aut implacitetur extra eandem Ciuitatem de re aliqua infra Ciuitatem illam vel suburbium eiusdem emergente nisi res illa tangat nos vel heredes nostros aut communitatem predictæ Ciuitatis et quod Burghmanmot semel in ebdomada in Gildahalla Ciuitatis illius vide licet die lune per Maiorem et Ballivos Ciuitatis predicto teneatur prout hactenus fieri consuevit. et omnia huiusmodi placita in eodem Burghmanmote tam in presencia nostra et heredum nostrorum quam absencia coram eisdem Maiore et Balliuis placitentur et teneantur imperpetuum sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum Justiciariorum Senescallorum Marescallorum Vicecomitum aut aliorum Balliuorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque exceptis dumtaxat placitis de transgressionibus convencionibus et contractibus in hospicio nostro et heredum nostrorum in presencia nostra et ipsorum heredum factis que nos vel heredes nostros seu aliquem de hospicio nostro contingunt. acceciam quod omnia placita de terris et tenementis que sunt in eadem Ciuitate vel suburbiis eiusdem tam placita de assisis quam alia placita qucumque in

all things touching the said city and the suburb thereof, and that no one of them be committed by foreign men concerning any matter which might arise or happen within the same city and suburb unless that matter might touch us or our heirs or the commonalty of the same city, and that no one of them plead or be impleaded without the same city concerning any matter arising within that city or the suburb thereof unless that matter touch us or our heirs or the commonalty of the aforesaid city, and that the burghmannote be held once weekly in the Guildhall of that city, that is to say on Monday, by the mayor and bailiffs of the city aforesaid just as hitherto they have been wont to be held, and that all such manner of pleas be pleaded and held in the same burghmanmote as well in the presence of us and our heirs as in the absence before the same mayor and bailiffs for ever without let or hindrance of us or our heirs or any whomsoever our justices, stewards, marshals, sheriffs or others bailiffs or ministers, excepting only pleas of trespasses, conventions and contracts in the household of us and our heirs done in the presence of us and those heirs which concern us or our heirs or any one of our household. And also that all the pleas of lands and tenements which are in the same city or the suburbs thereof as well pleas of assizes as other whatsoever pleas be

predicto Burghmanmote in Gildahalla eiusdem Ciuitatis et non alibi coram Maiore et Balliuis predictæ Ciuitatis qui pro tempore fuerint tam in presencia nostra et heredum nostrorum quam in absencia placitentur et terminentur sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque nisi placita illa tanguant nos vel heredes nostros aut communitatem Ciuitatis predictæ prout in cartis et confirmatione predictis plenius continetur Vobis mandamus quod Maiorem et Ciues Ciuitatis predictæ libertatibus et quietanciis predictis et earum qualibet coram vobis vti et gaudere permittatis iuxta tenorem cartarum et confirmationis predictarum et prout eis vti debent ipsique et eorum predecessores libertatibus et quietanciis predictis et earum qualibet a tempore confeccionis cartarum et confirmationis predictarum semper hactenus rationabiliter vti et gaudere consueverunt ipsos contra tenorem earundem non molestetis in aliquo seu grauētis.

Teste me ipso apud Dogmersfeld' xxv die Julij anno regni nostri decimo septimo.

pleaded and determined in the aforesaid burghmanmote in the Guildhall of the same city and not elsewhere before the mayor and bailiffs of the aforesaid city for the time being, as well in the presence as in the absence of us and our heirs without let or hindrance of us or our heirs or any whomsoever our ministers unless those pleas touch us or our heirs or the commonalty of the city aforesaid just as is more fully contained in the charters and confirmation aforesaid:—

We comānd you that ye permit the mayor and citizens of the city aforesaid to use and enjoy the liberties and quittances aforesaid and any one whatever thereof before you in accordance with the tenour of the charters and confirmation aforesaid and just as they ought to use them and they and their predecessors always hitherto reasonably have been wont to use and enjoy the liberties and quittances aforesaid and any one whatever thereof from the time of the execution of the charters and confirmation aforesaid and not to molest in any way or harm them contrary to the tenor of the same.

Witness me myself at Dogmersfeld¹ on the twenty-fifth day of July in the seventeenth year of our reign.

¹ Dogmersfield, in Hampshire.

CHARTER OF KING HENRY VI.

[24 January, 2nd year, 1424.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quod presentes litere peruenerint salutem.

Inspeximus cartam carissimi domini et patris nostri Henrici nuper Regis Anglie factam in hec verba.

Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie (etc.,.....to) quinto decimo die Decembris anno regni nostri secundo.

Nos autem dictam cartam predicti patris nostri de huiusmodi libertatibus quietanciis liberacione donacionibus concessionibus voluntatibus et confirmacionibus ac aliis in eadem carta specificatis et minime revocatis de avisamento et assensu dominorum spiritualium et temporalium in parlamento nostro apud Westmonasterium anno regni nostri primo tento existentium approbamus ratificamus et confirmamus prout carta predicta rationabiliter testatur et prout iidem Maior et Communitas Ciuitatis predictae ac Ciues illius Ciuitatis eisdem libertatibus quietanciis liberacione donacionibus concessionibus volun-

HENRY by the grace of God king of England and France and Lord of Ireland to all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

We have inspected the charter of our very dear lord and father Henry late King of England made in these words.

Henry by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland [and so on, as in the charter of King Henry the Fifth, 15 December, 2nd year, ending] on the fifteenth day of December in the second year of our reign.

We therefore by the advice and assent of the lords spiritual and temporal sitting in our parliament held at Westminster in the first year of our reign, approve, ratify and confirm the said charter of the aforesaid our father concerning such manner of liberties, quittances, delivery, gifts, grants, wills and confirmations and other things in the same charter specified and not revoked, just as the charter aforesaid reasonably bears witness and just as the same mayor and commonalty of the city aforesaid and the citizens of that city ought to use the same liberties, quittances, delivery, gifts, grants, wills and

tatibus et confirmacionibus ac aliis predictis vti debent ipsique et eorum antecessores et predecessores Maiores Communitas et Ciues ejusdem Ciuitatis libertatibus quietanciis liberacione donacionibus concessionibus voluntatibus et confirmacionibus illis ac aliis predictis a tempore confeccionis carte predictae semper hactenus rationabiliter vti et gaudere consueverunt.

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras feri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quarto die Januarii anno regni nostri secundo.

Wymbyssh.

Examinata per Johannem Mapilton'
et Nicholaum Wymbyssh clericos.

In a later handwriting on the back :

Carta Confirmacionis H. VJ.

Confirmit per auctoritē de Parlement.

confirmations and other things aforesaid and they and their ancestors and predecessors, mayors, commonalty and citizens of the same city from the time of the execution of the charter aforesaid have always hitherto been wont reasonably to use and enjoy those liberties, quittances, delivery, gifts, grants, wills and confirmations and other things aforesaid.

In witness whereof these our letters we have caused to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the twenty-fourth day of January in the second year of our reign.

Wymbyssh.

Examined by John Mapilton and
Nicholas Wymbyssh, clerks.

CHARTER OF KING HENRY VI.

[6 September, 17th year, 1438.]

Tempore Willelmi Hawardby Maioris.

COMMUNIS congregatio tocius communitatis tenta in Gildaula Civitatis Lincolnie die dominica in festo Exaltacionis Sancte Crucis anno regni Regis Henrici Sexti decimo septimo

Dominus Rex mandavit litteras suas patentes Maiori et toti communitati in hec verba.

Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie Maiori Aldermannis Vicecomitibus probis hominibus ac toti communitati Civitatis nostre Lincolnie qui nunc sunt et erunt in futuro salutem.

Quia certitudinaliter informamur quod diverse persone officium Maioratus in Civitate predicta ante hec tempora gerentes, contra vim formam et effectum libertatum et franchisesiarum vobis concessarum et per nos ut dicitur confirmatarum nonnullis personis de dignioribus

IN the time of William Hawardby, Mayor.

Common meeting of the whole commonalty held in the Guildhall of the city of Lincoln on Sunday the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in the seventeenth year of the reign of King Henry the Sixth.

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The Lord King directed his letters patent to the mayor and whole commonalty in these words :—

Henry by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland to the mayor, aldermen, sheriffs, good and true men, and the whole commonalty of our city of Lincoln who now are or shall be hereafter, greeting.

Whereas we are credibly informed that divers persons before these times bearing the office of the mayoralty in the city aforesaid against the power form and effect of the liberties and franchises granted to you and by us as is alleged confirmed have granted to some persons of the more worthy, more

potencioribus probioribus discrecioribus potencioribus et ad ocupandum excercendum officium Maioris sive vicecomitum ibidem sufficienciioribus et magis idoneis sub sigillo communi civitatis predicte absque voluntate seu assensu horum quorum interesse in ea parte de iure requirebatur set solummodo propter singulare suum comodum concesserunt quod ipse et earum quelibet ad gerendum excercendum seu ocupandum officia hujusmodi in Civitate predicta penitus sint exempte qua de causa mediocres persone ejusdem civitatis nedum id clare intuitentes set onus Maioris et vicecomitum satis cognoscentes se ad habitandum pocius in patria quam in civitate illa elegerunt et retraxerunt sicque fiet processu temporis si premissa tollerarentur quod aliqui ad gerendum seu ocupandum aliquod hujusmodi officium ibidem dignius minime haberentur quod si taliter eveniret absit in nostri grave dampnum et prejudicium ac Civitatis illius verissimilem desolationem cederet pro perpetuo. Nos de remedio in hac parte summe oportuno volentes providere ut tenemur vobis eligatis et assumatis qui digniores probiores et discreciores potenciores et ad ocupandum et excercendum hujusmodi officia sufficienciiores fuerint et magis idonei et non aliter quovis modo aliquibus hujusmodi litteris alicui persone

powerful, more good and true, more discreet, more influential and more sufficient and more befitting to occupy [and] exercise the office of mayor or sheriffs therein under the common seal of the city aforesaid without the will or assent of those whose interest on that behalf was lawfully requisite but solely in accordance with their own private benefit, that those persons and any one of them should be totally exempt from bearing, exercising or occupying offices of such kind in the city aforesaid, on account whereof mediocre persons of the same city not only clearly considering that matter but sufficiently recognising the burden of the mayor and sheriffs have chosen that they would rather abide in their country than in that city and have withdrawn themselves, and thus it would happen in process of time, if the premises were tolerated, some would be chosen to bear or occupy some such office therein who were not worthy, which we hope may not so happen, to our heavy damage and prejudice, and would result in undoubted desolation of that city for ever. We, willing at this most opportune moment to provide remedy in this behalf, as we are bound to do, [command] you to elect and take to you those who have been more worthy, more good and true, and more discreet and powerful, and more suitable for occupying and exercising such offices, and more fitting and not otherwise in any way whatever, notwithstanding any such

Civitatis predicte per antea factis quas nullius vigoris seu vigoris esse volumus non obstantibus Et hoc sicut indignacionem nostram in hac parte evitare et declinare volueritis et affectatis nullatenus omittatis Nos in Cancellaria nostra de eleccionibus hujusmodi cum sic facte fuerint de tempore in tempus sub communi sigillo Civitatis predicte certificantes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vj die Septembris anno regni nostri decimo septimo. Sturgeon.

* * * This charter is copied from the Lincoln City Register Book, No. 1, folios 86—10.

(The copy appears to be very incorrect.)

manner of letters made to any person of the city aforesaid up to the present time which we will shall be of no strength or virtue. And this ye are in no wise to omit if ye wish to avoid and be relieved from our anger in this behalf and give us your affection, certifying us in our chancery of such elections when they have been thus made from time to time under the common seal of the city aforesaid.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the sixth day of September in the seventeenth year of our reign.

Sturgeon.

CHARTER OF KING HENRY VI.

[13 March, 25th year, 1447.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie
Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint ✓ salutem.

Sciatis quod cum nos per humilem supplicacionem nobis ex parte
Johannis Ratheby Maioris Civitatis nostre Lincolnie ac Civium et
inhabitancium ejusdem Civitatis nobis presentatam intellexerimus
qualiter nobiles progenitores nostri predecessores eorundem Maioris
et Civium Civitatem predictam ac suburbia et procinctus eiusdem vna
cum diversis libertatibus et franchisesiis habendum et tenendum sibi et
successoribus suis imperpetuum concesserint Reddendo inde annuatim
feodi firmam Centum et quaterviginti librarum ad terminos Pasche et
Sancti Michaelis Qualiter eciam prefati Maior Cives et inhabitantes
quolibet tempore solucionis quintedecime et decime Centum libras
soluunt et quamquam nos de gracia nostra speciali ac auctoritate par-
liamenti nostri prefatos Maiorem Ciues et inhabitantes de certa parcella
solucionis huiusmodi decimarum et quintarumdecimarum penitus exon-

HENRY by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord
of Ireland to all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

Know ye that whereas we by the humble petition presented to us on the
behalf of John Ratheby, mayor of our city of Lincoln, and the citizens and
inhabitants of the same city have understood how our noble progenitors
granted for ever to the predecessors of the same mayor and citizens the city
aforesaid and the suburbs and precincts thereof together with divers liberties
and franchises to have and to hold to themselves and their successors yielding
therefor yearly the fee-farm of one hundred and fourscore pounds at the
terms of Easter and Saint Michael, and how also the abovesaid mayor,
citizens and inhabitants pay one hundred pounds at every time of a payment
of a fifteenth and a tenth, and although we of our special grace and by the
authority of our parliament have wholly exonerated and acquitted the above-
said mayor, citizens and inhabitants of a certain parcel of the payment of

eraverimus et acquietaverimus dicta tamen Ciuitas nostra quid[em] per retraccionem mercatorum eiusdem ac per magnam pestilenciam ibidem a longo tempore continuatam ac alia mundi infortunia adeo depauperata existit quod vix ducenti Ciues ibidem morantur quorum aliquis onus solucionis feodi firme predictae minime valet supportare sive sustinere vltra illos qui huiusmodi onus ante hec tempora sustinuerunt et supportarunt, de gratia nostra speciali ac consideracione premisorum necnon pro eo quod dicta Ciuitas nostra adeo depauperata et diminuta existit in releuamen succursum et confortacionem eiusdem Civitatis et inhabitancium predictorum et specialiter in supportacionem oneris predicti concessimus et licenciam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est prefatis Maiori ac Ciuibus quod ipsi et successores sui Maiores et Ciues Ciuitatis predictae terras tenementa et redditus ad valorem Centum et viginti librarum per annum vltra reprisas que tam de nobis quam de aliis in capite tenentur de quibuscumque personis sibi placuerint perquirere possint et tenere sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum per servicia inde debita et consueta et eisdem Maiori et Ciuibus quod ipsi et successores sui terras et tenementa predicta

such manner of tenths and fifteenths, nevertheless our said city indeed is so much impoverished by the withdrawal of the merchants thereof and by a great pestilence therein for a long time continued and other worldly misfortunes that scarcely two hundred citizens dwell therein, of whom not any one is able to support or sustain the burden of the payment of the fee-farm aforesaid besides those who have hitherto sustained and supported such manner of burden, of our special grace and by consideration of the premises, moreover also because our said city is so much impoverished and diminished, in relief, succour and comfort of the same city and inhabitants aforesaid and especially in support of the burden aforesaid we have granted and given licence for ourselves and our heirs as much as in us lies to the abovesaid mayor and citizens that they and their successors, mayors and citizens of the city aforesaid, may acquire and hold lands, tenements and rents to the value of one hundred and twenty pounds by the year beyond reprisals which are held as well of us as of others in chief of any whomsoever persons they pleased, to themselves and their successors for ever of the chief lords of those fees by the services therefor due and accustomed, and to the same mayor and citizens that they and their successors may receive and hold the lands and

cum pertinentiis a prefatis personis recipere possint et tenere sibi et successoribus suis predictis vt predictum est imperpetuum absque aliquo impedimento impetitione sive perturbacione nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum Justiciariorum Escaetorum Vicecomitum Coronatorum Balliuorum aut aliorum Officiariorum siue Ministrorum nostrorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum predictorum aut aliorum quorumcumque Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante et absque aliquo fine vel feodo ad opus nostrum heredum vel successorum nostrorum predictorum in hac parte capiendo siue soluendo. Et vltcrius de vberiori gratia nostra concessimus prefatis Maiori ac Ciuibus Ciuitatis predicte et inhabitantibus eiusdem Ciuitatis ac suburbiorum et procinctus eiusdem quod ipsi de solucione quarumcumque decimarum et quintarumdecimarum et cuiuslibet parcelle earundem nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris predictis aliquo modo exnunc concedenda durante termino quadraginta annorum penitus sint quieti et exonerati, aliqua ordinatione prouisione siue restriccionc incontrarium facta siue prouisa faciendā siue providenda in aliquo non obstante. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances from the abovesaid persons to themselves and their successors aforesaid as is aforesaid for ever without any hindrance, impeachment, or disturbance of us our heirs or successors, justices, escheators, sheriffs, coroners, bailiffs, or other the officers or ministers of us our heirs or successors aforesaid or of any others whomsoever. The statute which has been published of not putting lands and tenements to mortmain notwithstanding and without taking or paying any whatever fine or fee on this behalf to the use of us our heirs or successors aforesaid.

And furthermore of our more abundant grace we have granted to the abovesaid mayor and citizens of the city aforesaid and to the inhabitants thereof and of the suburbs and precinct thereof that they during the term of forty years be wholly quit and discharged of the payment of any whatever tenths and fifteenths and of any whatever parcel thereof from henceforward in any manner to be granted to us our heirs or successors aforesaid, any ordinance, provision, or restriction to the contrary, made or provided to be made, or to be provided in anywise notwithstanding.

In witness whereof these our letters we have caused to be made patent.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium terciodecimo die Martij
Anno regni nostri vicesimo quinto.

per breve de priuato sigillo et
de data predicta auctoritate
parliamenti.

Louthe.

Irrotulatur.

Endorsed:—Memorandum quod quarto die Novembris Anno regni
Regis infrascripti tricesimo quinto infrascripti Maior et Communitas
virtute istius licencie adquisiuerunt sibi et successoribus suis de
Johanne Markham vno Justiciariorum domini Regis ad placita coram
ipso domino Rege tenenda et alijs terras et tenementa ad valorem
quadraginta solidorum per annum in partem satisfaccionis Centum
et viginti libratarum terrarum tenementorum et reddituum infra-
scriptorum.

Irrotulatur in Memorandis Scaccarij videlicet inter Recorda de
termino Pasche anno quarto Regis Edwardi quarti Rotulo xj Ex
parte Rememoratoris Regis.

The great seal in green wax, not quite perfect, is appended by
plaited strands of silk.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the thirteenth day of March in the
twenty-fifth year of our reign.

By writ of privy seal and in ac-
cordance with the aforesaid given
authority of parliament.

Louthe.

It is enrolled.

Endorsed:—It is to be remembered that on the fourth day of November in
the thirty-fifth year of the reign of the within-mentioned king the within-
mentioned mayor and commonalty by virtue of this licence acquired for
themselves and their successors from John Markham one of the justices of
the Lord the King for the King's Bench Pleas and from others lands and
tenements to the value of forty shillings by the year in part satisfaction of the
one hundred and twenty pounds' worth of lands, tenements and rents within
written.

It is enrolled in the memoranda of the Exchequer, that is to say among
the Records of Easter Term in the fourth year of King Edward the Fourth
in the eleventh Roll. On behalf of the King's Remembrancer.

CHARTER OF KING HENRY VI.

[24 November, 35th year, 1456.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie
Omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem.

Sciatis quod cum nos terciodecimo die Marcij anno regni nostri vicesimo quinto per literas nostras patentes de gracia nostra speciali concesserimus et licenciam dederimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis fuit Maiori et Cuiibus Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie, quod ipsi et successores sui terras tenementa et redditus ad valorem Centum et viginti librarum per annum ultra reprisas que tam de nobis quam de aliis in capite tenerentur de quibuscumque personis sibi placerent perquirere possent et tenere sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum per servicia inde debita et consueta imperpetuum. Et eisdem Maiori et Cuiibus quod ipsi et successores sui terras et tenementa predicta cum pertinentiis a prefatis personis recipere possent et tenere sibi et successoribus suis predictis ut predictum est imperpetuum, Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante prout in literis predictis plenius continetur. Nos volentes concessionem predictam

HENRY by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland to all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

Know ye that whereas we on the thirteenth day of March in the twenty-fifth year of our reign by our letters patent of our especial grace granted and gave licence for ourselves and our heirs as much as lay in us to the mayor and citizens of our city of Lincoln that they and their successors might acquire and hold lands, tenements and rents to the value of one hundred and twenty pounds by the year above reprisals which might be held as well of us as of others in chief of any whomsoever persons they pleased for ever of the chief lords of those fees by the services therefor due and accustomed for ever. And to the same mayor and citizens that they and their successors might be able to receive and hold the lands and tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances from the abovesaid persons to themselves and their successors aforesaid as is aforesaid for ever. The statute which has been published of not putting lands and tenements to mortmain notwithstanding just as in the letters aforesaid is more fully contained: We willing that the grant

effectui debito mancipari, concessimus et licenciam dedimus tam Johanni Markham vni Justiciariorum nostrorum ad placita coram nobis tenenda Willelmo Stanlowe et Johanne vxori ejus Johanni Busshy armigero Ricardo Hillyngworth Thome Folkyngham seniori Petro Jdley armigero Willelmo Rither Johanni Waldeff Nicholao Stathum Thome Ryby Capellano et Roberto Peny de Lincolnia, quod ipsi Manerium de Canwyk iuxta Lincolniam cum pertinentiis et duas solidatas redditus cum pertinentiis in Braunston' quam prefatis Willelmo et Johanne ac Johanni Berkeston, Capellano et prefato Thome Folkyngham quod ipsi vnum mesuagium quatuor tofta quaterviginti et decem acras terre sexdecim acras prati et centum acras pasture cum pertinentiis in Canwyk iuxta Lincolniam que fuerunt Alexandri Hervy nuper de Canwyk que de nobis tenentur in capite et que quidem Manerium cum pertinentiis et redditus ad viginti solidos et mesuagium tofta terra pratum et pastura predicta ad tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios extenduntur per annum prout per quandam inquisitionem coram Willelmo Grymesby nuper Escaetore nostro in Comitatu Lincolnensi de mandato nostro captam et in Cancellariam nostram retornatam est compertum, Dare possint et assignare Maiori et Ciuibus Ciuitatis predictae Habendum et tenendum eisdem Maiori

aforesaid should enjoy due effect have granted and given licence as well to John Markham one of our justices of the King's Bench, William Stanlowe and Joan his wife, John Bussby Esquire, Richard Hillyngworth, Thomas Folkyngham the elder, Peter Idley Esquire, William Rither, John Waldeff, Nicholas Stathum, Thomas Ryby chaplain and Robert Peny of Lincoln, that they may be able to give and assign to the mayor and citizens of the city aforesaid: the Manor of Canwyk near Lincoln with the appurtenances and two shillings' worth of rent with the appurtenances in Braunston, as to the aforesaid William and Joan and John Berkeston chaplain and the abovesaid Thomas Folkyngham that they may be able to give and assign to the mayor and citizens of the city aforesaid one messuage, four tofts, four score and ten acres of land, sixteen acres of meadow and one hundred acres of pasture with the appurtenances in Canwyk near Lincoln which belonged to Alexander Hervy late of Canwyk and which are held of us in chief; and which manor indeed with the appurtenances and rents is extended to the value of twenty shillings and the messuage, tofts, land, meadow and pasture aforesaid are extended to the value of thirteen shillings and four pence by the year as is ascertained by a certain inquisition taken before William Grymesby, late our escheator in the County of Lincoln, in accordance with our mandate and returned into our Chancery, To have and to hold to the same mayor and citizens and their

et Cuiibus et successoribus suis in valorem quadraginta solidorum per annum in partem satisfaccionis Centum et viginti libratarum terrarum tenementorum et reddituum predictorum, Et eisdem Maiori et Cuiibus quod ipsi Manerium redditus mesuagium tofta terra[m] pratum et pastura[m] cum pertinentiis a prefatis Johanne Willelmo Stanlowe Johanna Johanne Ricardo Thoma Petro Willelmo Rither Johanne Nicholao Thoma Roberto Johanne et Thoma recipere et ea tenere sibi et successoribus suis in forma predicta imperpetuum, tenore dictarum literarumstrarum inde confectarum licenciam dederimus specialem Statuto predicto non obstante, Salvis tamen capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum serviciis inde debitis et consuetis.

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quarto die Novembris anno regni nostri tricesimo quinto. Kirkeham.

Pro quinque marcis solutis
in hanaperio.

Imperfect Great seal, green wax, appended
by red and green silk and gold threads.

successors to the value of forty shillings by the year in part satisfaction of the one hundred and twenty pounds' worth of lands, tenements and rents aforesaid. And to the same mayor and citizens that they may receive the manor, rents, messuage, tofts, land, meadow and pasture with the appurtenances from the abovesaid John, William Stanlowe, Joan, John, Richard, Thomas, Peter, William Rither, John, Nicholas, Thomas, Robert, John and Thomas and hold them to themselves and their successors in form aforesaid for ever by the tenour of the said our letters executed thereupon we have given special licence, The statute aforesaid notwithstanding, Saving nevertheless to the chief lords of those fees the services due and accustomed therefor.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the twenty-fourth day of November in the thirty-fifth year of our reign.

Kirkeham.

For five marks paid into the hanaper.

CHARTER OF KING EDWARD IV.

[11 December, 3rd year, 1463.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie
Om̃ibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem.

Inspeximus literas patentes Henrici sexti nuper de facto et non de
jure Regis Anglie factas in hec verba.

Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie
Omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem.

Sciatis quod cum nos per humilem, (etc....to) Westmonasterium
tercio decimo die Marcij anno regni nostri vicesimo quinto.

Nos autem literas predictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta
rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in
nobis est acceptamus et approbamus ac dilectis nobis nunc Maiori et
Ciuibus Civitatis predictæ necnon inhabitantibus ejusdem Ciuitatis ac
Suburbiorum et procinctus ejusdem et eorum successoribus ratificamus
et confirmamus prout litere predictæ rationabiliter testantur.

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

EDWARD by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of
Ireland to all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

We have inspected the letters patent of Henry the Sixth lately in fact and
not by right King of England made in these words.

Henry by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of
Ireland to all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

Know ye that whereas we [and so on as in the charter of King Henry VI,
13 March, 25th year, ending] on the thirteenth day of March in the twenty-
fifth year of our reign.

We therefore having ratified and gratified the letters aforesaid and all and
singular the things contained in the same, accept and approve them for
ourselves and our heirs as far as in us lies and ratify and confirm them to our
beloved the present mayor and citizens of the city aforesaid, also to the in-
habitants of the same city and the suburbs and precinct thereof and their
successors, just as the letters aforesaid reasonably bear witness.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Teste me ipso apud Dancastre vndecimo die Decembris Anno regni nostri tercio.

pro decem libris solutis in hana-
perio. Vptoñ.

Examinata per Willelmum Morland'
et Henricum Vptoñ clericos.

Irrotulatur.

Endorsed :—

Irrotulatur in Memorandis Scaccarij videlicet inter Recorda de termino Pasche anno quarto Regis Edwardi quarti Rotulo vndecimo ex parte Rememoratoris Regis in quodam processu tangente Willelmum Pemberton et alios.

Imperfect great seal of King
Edward IV., yellow wax.

Witness me myself at Doncaster on the eleventh day of December in the third year of our reign.

For ten pounds paid into the
hanaper. Uptoñ.

Examined by William Morland
and Henry Uptoñ, clerks.

It is enrolled.

[The endorsement is not a vital part of the Charter except by accident of having been used in a later lawsuit, but nevertheless the translation may be given.]

It is enrolled in the Memoranda of the Exchequer, to wit among the Records of Easter Term in the fourth year of King Edward the Fourth in the eleventh Roll on the behalf of the King's Remembrancer in a certain process touching William Pemberton and others.

CHARTER OF KING RICHARD III.

[30 November, 2nd year, 1484.]

1. RICARDUS Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem.

Inspeximus litteras patentes Domini Edwardi nuper Regis Anglie Fratris nostri de confirmatione factas in hec verba.

2. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem.

Inspeximus cartam Henrici Sexti nuper de facto et non de iure Regis Anglie factam in hec verba.

3. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem.

Inspeximus cartam carissimi Domini et patris nostri Henrici nuper Regis Anglie factam in hec verba.

4. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Ducibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam Domini Henrici nuper Regis Anglie patris nostri factam in hec verba.

1. RICHARD by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland to all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

We have inspected the letters patent of the Lord Edward late King of England our brother of confirmation made in these words.

2. Edward by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland to all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

We have inspected the charter of Henry the Sixth late in fact and not by right King of England made in these words.

3-20. Henry by the grace of God King [and so on as in the charter of King Henry the Sixth, 24 January, 2nd year, ending] in the second year of our reign.

5. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Ducibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam confirmationis Domini Ricardi nuper Regis Anglie secundi post conquestum Ciuibus Ciuitatis Lincolnie et eorum heredibus et successoribus Ciuibus Ciuitatis illius factam in hec verba.

6. Ricardus Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Ducibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memorie Dominus Edwardus nuper Rex Anglie auus noster fecit Ciuibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

7. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Sciatis nos cartam nostram Dilectis nobis Maiori Ballivis et Ciuibus Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie nuper factam inspexisse in hec verba.

8. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitannie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memorie Dominus Edwardus nuper Rex Anglie pater noster fecit Ciuibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

9. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitannie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam quam Dominus Henricus quondam Rex Anglie progenitor noster fecit Ciuibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

10. Henricus Rex Anglie et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum Justiciariis et Vicecomitibus suis de Lincolnscire salutem.

Sciatis me liberasse Ciuitatem meam Lincolnie Ciuibus meis eiusdem Ciuitatis ad illam firmam ad quam solebant esse tempore

Henrici Regis Aui mei cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus eidem Ciuitati pertinentibus in Ciuitatem et extra.

Testibus Comite Reginaldo Warino filio Gerardi.

Datum apud Stanford.

9. Inspeximus eciam cartam confirmacionis quam celebris memorie Dominus Edwardus quondam Rex Anglie pater noster fecit eisdem Ciuibus in hec verba.

11. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memorie Dominus Henricus quondam Rex Anglorum proauus noster fecit Ciuibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

12. Henricus Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum omnibus Norrensibus qui veniunt ad portum de Grymesby vel ad alios portus meos de Lincolscire salutem.

Precipio quod faciatis Prepositis meis Lincolnie omnes rectitudines et consuetudines quas solebatis facere tempore Regis Henrici aui mei Prepositis Lincolnie et prohibeo ne quis vestrum detineat eis theoloneum vel aliam consuetudinem iniuste super decem librarum forisfacturam.

Teste W. filio Johannis apud Wirecestriam.

11. Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam idem proauus noster fecit predictis Ciuibus in hec verba.

13. Henricus Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum vicecomitibus et Ministris suis de Lincolscire salutem.

Precipio quod faciatis forinsecos Mercatores venire ad Lincolniam et ibi facere mercaturas suas ita rationabiliter et iuste sicut facere solebant tempore Henrici Regis Aui mei ne Prepositi mei Lincolnie amittant meas regales consuetudines.

Teste Ricardo de Lucy apud Wodestoč.

11. Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam idem proauus noster fecit predictis Ciuibus in hec verba.

14. Henricus Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum Episcopo Lincolniensi et Justiciariis Vicecomitibus et Baronibus de Lincolnia et de Lincolscire salutem.

Precipio quod nullus Mercator qui sit extraneus et deforis sit residens in Lincolnia pro tingendis pannis suis vel vendendis ad taleam nisi illi tantum qui sunt in gilda et ad omnes consuetudines ville et qui reddunt gelda mea cum eis sicuti solebant tempore Henrici Regis.

Testibus. Rogero Comite Cornubie. H. de Essexia constabulario. Ricardo de Humez.

11. Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam idem proauus noster fecit predictis Ciuibus in hec verba.

15. Henricus Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum Episcopo Lincolniensi et Justiciariis et Vicecomitibus Lincolnie et Lincolscire salutem.

Precipio quod omnes illi qui de Mercato viuunt et mercatum deducunt infra quatuor diuisas que pertinent Ciuitati Lincolnie reddant communiter cum Ciuibus meis Lincolnie gelda mea et assisas Ciuitatis sicut reddere solent tempore Regis Henrici et sicut iuste cum eis esse debent in cuiuscunque terra maneant.

Testibus Rogero Comite Cornubie Henrico de Essexia Constabulario Ricardo de Humez apud Notyngham.

11. Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam celebris memorie Dominus Ricardus quondam Rex Anglie Consanguineus noster fecit predictis Ciuibus in hec verba.

16. Ricardus Dei gratia Rex Anglorum Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum Comes Andegavorum Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis tam Francis quam Anglis salutem.

Sciatis nos concessisse Ciuibus nostris Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra Ciuitatem Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus exceptis Monetariis et Ministris nostris Concessimus eciam eis quietanciam murdri infra Ciuitatem et in portsoca et quod nullus eorum faciat duellum et quod de placitis ad coronam pertinentibus se possint dirationare secundum consuetudinem Ciuium Ciuitatis Londonie et quod infra Ciuitatem illam nemo capiat hospicium per vim vel per liberacionem Marescalli. Hoc eciam eis

concessimus quod omnes Ciues Lincolnie sint quieti de theoloneo et lestagio per totam Angliam et per portus maris et quod nullus de misericordia pecunie iudicetur nisi secundum legem quam habent Ciues nostri Londonie et quod in Ciuitate illa in nullo placito sit Meskenninga¹ et quod Burewaremot semel tantum in ebdomada teneatur et quod terras et tenuras et vadia sua et debita sua omnia iuste habeant quicunque eis debeat et de terris suis et tenuris que infra Ciuitatem sunt rectum eis teneatur secundum Consuetudinem Ciuitatis et de omnibus debitis suis que accomoda fuerint apud Lincolniam et de vadiis ibidem factis placita apud Lincolniam teneantur Et si quis in tota Anglia theoloneum vel consuetudinem ab hominibus Lincolnie ceperit postquam ipse a recto defecerit Prepositus Lincolnie namium apud Lincolniam capiat Insuper eciam ad emendacionem illius Ciuitatis eis concessimus quod sint quieti de Bridtol et Cildwite et de Gieresgreue et Scotale Ita quod Prepositus nec alius Balliuus Scotalem faciat. Has predictas consuetudines eis concessimus et omnes alias libertates et liberas consuetudines quas habuerunt vel habent Ciues nostri Londonie quando meliores vel liberiores habuerunt secundum libertates Londonie et leges Ciuitatis Lincolnie. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod ipsi et heredes eorum hec omnia predicta habeant et teneant hereditarie de nobis et heredibus nostris Reddendo per annum nouies viginti libras numero de Lincolnia cum omnibus pertinentiis ad Scaccarium nostrum duobus terminis ad Pascha scilicet et ad festum sancti Michaelis per manum Prepositi Lincolnie Et Ciues Lincolnie faciant Prepositum quem voluerint de se per annum qui sit idoneus nobis et eis.

Testibus Hiis. H. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo Willelmo Marescallo Galfrido filio Petri Hugone Bardolf.

Dat' per manum Willelmi Eliensis Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Wyntoniam vicesimo tercio die Aprilis anno regni nostri quinto.

11. Inspeximus eciam quandam cartam quam celebris memorie dominus Henricus quondam Rex Anglie pater noster fecit predictis Ciuibus in hec verba.

17. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie Dux Normannorum Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis

¹ *meskenninga*, orig. MS.

Forestariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Sciatis nos concessisse Ciuibus nostris Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra Ciuitatem Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus exceptis Monetariis et Ministris nostris concessimus eciam quod eis quietanciam murdri infra Ciuitatem et in Portsoka et quod nullus eorum faciat duellum et quod de placitis ad coronam pertinentibus se possint disrationare secundum consuetudinem quam Ciues Ciuitatis Londonie habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis Aui nostri et quod infra Ciuitatem Lincolnie nemo capiat hospicium per vim vel per liberacionem Marescalli, Hoc eis concessimus quod omnes Ciues Lincolnie sint quieti de theoloneo et lestagio per totam Angliam et per portus maris et quod nullus de misericordia pecunie iudicatur nisi secundum legem quam habuerunt Ciues nostri Londonie tempore predicti Henrici Regis Aui nostri et quod in Ciuitate illa in nullo placito sit Meskenninga¹ et quod Burewardemote semel tantum in ebdomata teneatur et quod terras et tenuras et vadia sua et debita sua omnia iuste habeant quicunque eis debeat et de terris suis et tenuris que infra Ciuitatem sunt rectum eis teneatur secundum consuetudinem Ciuitatis et de omnibus debitis suis que accomoda fuerunt apud Lincolniam et de vadiis ibidem factis placitum apud Lincolniam teneatur. Prohibemus eciam ne quis ab eis theoloneum vel consuetudinem capiat in Anglia de hiis que ad nos pertinent super forisfacturam decem librarum Salvis in omnibus libertatibus Ciuitatis Londonie Et si quis in tota Anglia theoloneum vel consuetudinem ab hominibus Lincolnie ceperit postquam ipse a recto defecerit Prepositus Lincolnie namium apud Lincolniam capiat Insuper eciam ad emendacionem illius Ciuitatis eis concessimus quod sint quieti de Bridtol et de Chilwite et de Gieresgreue et scotale Ita quod Prepositi nec alii Balliui scotalam faciant has predictas consuetudines eis concessimus et omnes libertates alias et liberas consuetudines secundum libertates Londonie et leges Ciuitatis Lincolnie quas habuerunt Ciues nostri Londonie quando meliores vel liberiores habuerunt tempore predicti Henrici Regis Aui nostri vel habent. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod ipsi et heredes eorum hec omnia predicta habeant et teneant hereditarie de nobis et heredibus nostris Reddendo per annum nouies viginti libras numero de Lincolnia cum omnibus pertinentiis ad Scaccarium

¹ *meskenninga*, orig. MS.

nostrum duobus terminis ad Pascha scilicet et ad festum Sancti Michaelis per manum Prepositorum Lincolnie Preterea volumus et concedimus quod iidem Ciues nostri Lincolnie per commune consilium Ciuitatis eligant duos de legallioribus Ciuibus Lincolnie et presentent eos capitali Justiciario apud Westmonasterium qui bene et fideliter custodiant preposituram Ciuitatis Lincolnie et non amoveantur quamdiu in balliua sua se bene gesserint nisi per commune consilium Ciuitatis sue. Volumus eciam quod in eadem Ciuitate Lincolnie per commune consilium Ciuium eligantur quatuor de legalioribus et discrecioribus Ciuitatis ad custodiendum placita Corone et alia que ad nos et ad Coronam nostram pertinent in eadem Ciuitate et ad videndum quod Prepositi illius Ciuitatis iuste et legitime tractent tam pauperes quam divites Concessimus eciam eis gildam suam mercatoriam de hominibus Ciuitatis et de aliis mercatoribus Comitatus sicut illam habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis Aui nostri Et ut omnes homines qui infra quatuor diuisas Ciuitatis manent et mercatum deducunt sint ad gildas et consuetudines et assisas Ciuitatis sicut melius fuerunt tempore predicti Henrici Regis aui nostri. Concessimus eciam eis quod si aliquis natiuus manserit in Ciuitate nostra Lincolnie per unum annum et unum diem sine calumpnia extunc inantea remaneat in pace in Ciuitate nostra Lincolnie sicut Ciuis noster sicut carte predicti Henrici Regis aui nostri et Domini Ricardi Regis auunculi nostri et Domini Johannis Regis patris nostri quas inde habent rationabiliter testantur.

Hiis testibus W. Carliolensi G. Eliensi T. Norwicensi Episcopis H. de Burgo Comite Kancie Justitiario nostro E. Comite Gloucestrie et Hertfordie Henrico [de] Aldithelega Nicholao de Verdon' Osberto Giffard Radulpho filio Nicholai Ricardo de Argentein Senescallis nostris Henrico de Capella Theobaldo Pincerna G. de Craucombe et aliis.

Dat' per manum venerabilis patris Domini Radulphi Ciestrensis episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die Aprilis anno regni nostri vndecimo.

11. Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam predictus pater noster fecit predictis Ciuibus in hec verba.

18. Henricus Dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Vicecomitibus et Ministris suis Comitatus Lincolnie salutem.

Inspeximus litteras quas Dominus Henricus Rex auus noster fecit Ciuibus Lincolnie in hec verba.

19. Henricus Rex Anglorum et Dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et Comes Andegavorum Vicecomitibus et Ministris suis de Lincolscire.

Precipio quod faciatis forinsecos mercatores venire ad Lincolniam et ibi facere mercaturas suas ita rationabiliter et iuste sicut facere solebant tempore Henrici Regis Aui mei ne Prepositi mei Lincolnie amittant meas regales consuetudines.

Teste Ricardo de Lucy apud Wodestok.

18. Nos igitur prefatis Ciuibus nostris hoc ipsum tam in conservacionem iuris nostri quam iuris eorundem volentes observari Precipimus quod mercatores predictos ad villam predictam venire faciat is et ibi facere mercaturas suas ita rationabiliter et iuste sicut facere solebant temporibus predictorum Henrici Regis senioris Henrici Regis aui nostri necnon et Ricardi Regis auunculi nostri et Johannis Regis patris nostri et eciam tempore nostro usque primam transfretacionem nostram in Britanniam et concedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod hoc eisdem Ciuibus ammodo obseruetur super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Windelesoram¹ septimo die Marcij anno regni nostri quadragesimo sexto.

11. Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam predictus pater noster fecit eisdem Ciuibus in hec verba.

20. Henricus Dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Balliis et fidelibus suis salutem.

Sciatis quod cum per cartam nostram quam inspeximus concessimus Ciuibus nostris Lincolnie quod nullus eorum placitet extra Ciuitatem Lincolnie de aliquo placito preter placita de tenuris exterioribus exceptis monetarijs et Ministris nostris, Nos eisdem Ciuibus gratiam ampliorem ad ipsorum instanciam facere volentes concessimus eis et hac carta nostra confirmavimus quod omnia placita Ciuitatis

¹ *Windeleg'*, orig. MS.

eiusdem et non alia decetero placitentur et teneantur in Aula placitorum Ciuitatis eiusdem que Gildhall vocitatur et non alibi contra voluntatem Ciuium ipsorum vel successorum suorum exceptis placitis de tenuris exterioribus et Monetariis ac Ministris nostris Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod omnia placita Ciuitatis eiusdem in aula predicta placitorum decetero placitentur et teneantur et non alibi contra voluntatem eorundem Ciuium vel successorum suorum exceptis placitis de tenuris exterioribus ac Monetariis et Ministris nostris sicut predictum est imperpetuum.

Hiis testibus Venerabili patre W. Eboracensi Archiepiscopo Anglie Primate Roberto Aguilloñ, Elia de Rabayne Petro de Chauent' Stephano de Edworth Matheo de Louayne Willelmo de sancta Eremina Petro Euerard Rogero de Wautoñ et aliis.

Dat' per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Mensis Februarij Anno regni nostri quinquagesimo sexto.

11. Nos autem donaciones concessionones et confirmaciones predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris predictis Ciuibus et successoribus suis Ciuibus ejusdem Ciuitatis concedimus et confirmamus sicut carte et littere predictae rationabiliter testantur et si forte ijdem Ciucs aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum in dictis cartis et litteris contentarum et expressarum hactenus plene vsi non fuerint nichilominus volumus et concedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod ijdem Ciues et successores sui predicti libertate vel libertatibus illis decetero gaudeant et vtantur Concessimus insuper pro nobis et heredibus nostris eisdem Ciuibus quod ipsi et successores sui predicti imperpetuum sint quieti de muragio pauagio pontagio waruagio stalagio et terragio per totum regnum nostrum et per totam terram Ac potestatem nostram.

Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus R. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo A. Dunelmensi J. Lincolnensi W. Couentrensi et Lichefeldensi et J. Karliolensi Episcopis Johanne de Warena Surrie Th. Lancastrie Rogero Le Bygod Norffolchie Marescallo Anglie Guidone de Bello Campo Warrewici et Radulpho de Monte Hermerij Gloucestrie et Hertfordie Comitibus Johanne de Britannia Johanne de Sancto Johanne Johanne de Segraue Reginaldo de Grey Johanne de Hastyng Waltero de Bello Campo Senescallo Hospicij nostri Petro de Tatyntoñ et aliis.

Dat' per manum nostram apud Lincolniam vicesimo quinto die Februarij anno regni nostri vicesimo nono.

9. Nos autem liberationem donaciones et concessionones et confirmaciones predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris Ciuibus Ciuitatis predictę et eorum heredibus et successoribus Ciuibus Ciuitatis illius concedimus et confirmamus sicut carte predictę rationabiliter testantur Preterea volentes eisdem Ciuibus vberiore gratiam facere in hac parte concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum in cartis predictis contentarum et expressarum casu aliquo emergente hactenus plene vsi non fuerint ipsi tamen Ciues et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Ciuitatis illius libertate vel libertatibus illis decetero absque impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque plene gaudeant et vtantur Insuper cum Ciues Ciuitatis predictę et eorum antecessores hactenus habuerunt in Ciuitate predicta in suburbio eiusdem tronagium lanarum et pessagium aliorum mercimoniorum et exitus et proficua inde proveniencia ad opus eorum perceperint et habuerint in auxilium firme sue civitatis illius super quo in Curiis progenitorum nostrorum quondam Regum Anglie et nostra aliquando impetiti fuerunt pro eo quod cartam alicuius progenitorum dictorum nostrorum inde non habuerint et eciam cum predicti Ciues habeant et ipsi et eorum predecessores predicti hactenus habuerunt in absencia nostra et progenitorum nostrorum predictorum assisam panis et ceruisie custodiam et assaiam mensurarum et ponderum et alia ad officium mercati pertinentia in suburbio et Ciuitate predictis ac inter nostras libertates suprascriptas Ciuibus Ciuitatis predictę concessas eisdem sit concessum quod ipsi habeant easdem libertates et immunitates quas habent Ciues Londonie et eis gaudeant et vtantur Ciuesque eiusdem Ciuitatis Londonie in presencia nostra habeant ipsique et eorum antecessores in nostra et antecessorum nostrorum presencia hactenus habuerint assisam panis et ceruisie custodiam et assaiam mensurarum et ponderum ac alia ad officium mercati pertinentia in dicta Ciuitate Londonie et suburbio eiusdem absque eo quod clericus seu alius Minister noster vel antecessorum nostrorum predictorum de mercato dictam Ciuitatem Londonie aut suburbium eiusdem ingressus fuisset ad aliqua que ad officium suum pertinuerunt in eisdem faciendum vel eciam exequendum Nos volentes securitati Ciuium predictę

Ciuitatis Lincolnie in premissis providere et eis facere gratiam specialem concessimus eis et hac carta nostra confirmavimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod ipsi et eorum heredes et successores Ciues dicte Ciuitatis Lincolnie imperpetuum habeant in eadem Ciuitate Lincolnie et suburbio eiusdem tronagium lanarum et pesagium aliorum mercimoniorum et exitus et proficua inde proveniencia ad opus eorum percipiant et habeant in auxilium antique firme sue Ciuitatis supradicte et quod de proficuis inde ante hec tempora perceptis non occasionentur in aliquo seu grauentur et quod decetero in presencia nostra et heredum nostrorum assisam panis et ceruisie custodiam et assaiam mensurarum et ponderum ac alia quecunque ad officium mercati pertinentia in Ciuitate Lincolnie et suburbio eiusdem supradictis habeant faciant et exerceant imperpetuum et transgressores dicte assise panis et ceruisie modo debito puniant et defectus mensurarum ponderum ac aliarum ad dictum officium mercati pertinentium corrigant et emendent Ita quod clericus de mercato seu alius Minister noster vel heredum nostrorum dictam Ciuitatem Lincolnie aut suburbium eiusdem non ingrediatur ad aliqua que ad dictum officium mercati pertinent in eisdem faciendum vel exequendum et quod omnia proficua inde proveniencia semper sint ipsorum Ciuium Lincolnie heredum et successorum suorum predictorum in auxilium firme sue supradicte Salvo tamen quod si in presencia nostra vel heredum nostrorum aliquis conqueratur quod Maior et Balliui seu Custos dicte Ciuitatis Lincolnie in premissis in nostra vel heredum nostrorum presencia faciendis et exequendis negligentes sint et remissi tunc Cancellarius noster vel heredum nostrorum qui pro tempore fuerit per se vel per alium de Cancellaria nostra vel heredum nostrorum quem ad hoc deputaverit ad sectam huiusmodi conquerentis id de quo querela illa sic fiet superuideat et si dictos Maiorem Balliuos seu Custodem in eo de quo querelam sic fieri contigerit negligentes legitime invenerit et remissos tunc illud corrigi faciat prout decet et dictos Maiorem Ballivos seu Custodem modo debito puniat et castiget finibus et amerciamentis ipsorum Maioris Balliuorum et Custodis in hac parte et punicione illius quod per dictum Cancellarium vel deputandum ab ipso vt est dictum corrigi contigerit nobis et heredibus nostris semper salvis Concessimus insuper pro nobis et heredibus nostris et hac carta nostra confirmavimus prefatis Ciuibus vacuas et vastas placeas nostras in Ciuitate et suburbio predictis Habendas sibi et heredibus ac succes-

soribus suis predictis imperpetuum ad commodum suum inde faciendum prout sibi melius viderint expedire Ita tamen quod illud faciant absque dampno et preiudicio Cathedralis ecclesie beate Marie Lincolnie et liberi tenementi cuiuslibet alterius et quod vici in eisdem Ciuitate et suburbio ea occasione nimium non arceantur.

Hiis testibus Venerabilibus patribus W. Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi tocius Anglie Primate Johanne Norwicensi et R. Saresberiensis Episcopis Adomaro de Valencia Comite Penbrochie Humfrido de Bohun Comite Hertfordie et Essexie Hugone le Despenser senescallo Bartholomeo de Badelesmere Johanne de Crombwell Senescallo Hospicij nostri et aliis.

Dat' per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium quinto decimo die Junij anno regni nostri nono.

8. Nos autem liberacionem donaciones concessionis et confirmationes predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris Ciuibus Ciuitatis nostre predictae et eorum heredibus et successoribus Ciuibus eiusdem Ciuitatis concedimus et confirmamus sicut carte predictae rationabiliter testantur Preterea volentes eisdem Ciuibus gratiam facere in hac parte vberiore concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores Ciues Ciuitatis illius aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum aut quietanciarum in cartis predictis contentarum aliquo casu emergente antea vsi non fuerint ipsi tamen Ciues et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Ciuitatis illius libertatibus et quietanciis predictis et earum qualibet decetero absque impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum Justiciariorum Escaetorum Vicecomitum aut aliorum Ballivorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque plene gaudeant et vtantur Insuper cum in dicta carta predicti domini Henrici progenitoris nostri contineatur quod idem progenitor noster liberauit Ciuitatem suam Lincolnie Ciuibus suis eiusdem Ciuitatis ad illam firmam ad quam esse solebat tempore Henrici Regis Aui sui cum omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus eidem Ciuitati pertinentibus in Ciuitatem et extra et per inquisitionem per dilectos et fideles nostros Walterum de Friskene Robertum de Malberthorpe et Petrum de Lodyngton in presencia Thome de Nouo Mercato nuper vicecomitis nostri Lincolnie de mandato nostro captam et in Cancellaria nostra retornatam compertum sit quod Maior et Ciues Ciuitatis predictae et eorum ante-

cessores a tempore quo non extat memoria pretexto dicte carte habuerunt in Ciuitate predicta et suburbio eiusdem tronagium lanarum et pesagium aliorum mercimoniorum et exitus et proficua inde proveniencia ad opus eorum perceperunt in auxilium firme sue Ciuitatis illius et quod ipsi et eorum antecessores de lanis suis in eadem Ciuitate tronatis et omnibus aliis mercimoniis suis ibidem ponderatis necnon et illi quorum lane ibidem tronate fuerint siue merces ponderate in omnibus aliis locis infra regnum et potestatem nostram de huiusmodi tronagio et pesagio quieti fuerunt. et quod ijdem Maior et Ciues et eorum antecessores a predicto tempore habuerunt retorna omnium breuium nostrorum et progenitorum nostrorum predictorum Ciuitatem illam et suburbium eiusdem contingencium execucionesque eorundem et omnium summonicionum de omnibus dictam Ciuitatem et suburbium contingentibus per Balliuos et Ministros Ciuitatis illius et eciam per eosdem Balliuos profra sua ad Scaccarium nostrum et dictorum progenitorum nostrorum fecerunt et compota sua ibidem cum vicecomite Lincolnie reddiderunt et eciam quod predicti progenitores nostri ante liberacionem predictam et prefati Ciues et eorum antecessores tria mercata in septimana diebus videlicet lune Mercurij et Veneris et quandam feriam semel in anno a die videlicet sancti Bothulphi usque ad diem Appostolorum Petri et Pauli proxime sequentem in eisdem Ciuitate et suburbio hucusque habuerunt et quod antecessores ipsorum Ciuium super quendam murum Ciuitatis illius ex transuerso de Neulandeyate usque mansum fratrum de ordine minorum in eadem Ciuitate edificia diuersa videlicet cameras et domos mansionibus dicto muro adiacentibus in diuersis locis iuxta Walkergate et Soperlane antiquitus construxerunt quod edificia illa sunt in melioracionem et securitatem Ciuitatis predictae et quod prefati Ciues et eorum antecessores a tempore predicto infangenethese outfangenethese et catalla felonum et fugitivorum infra dictam Ciuitatem et suburbium in auxilium firme sue eiusdem Ciuitatis hucusque habuerunt et eciam quod nullus eorum de re aliqua que infra dictam Ciuitatem et suburbium facta fuit seu euenit nisi totam Communitatem Ciuitatis illius tangebatur per homines forinsecos a dicto tempore hucusque conuinci consuevit et quod prefati Ciues ab eodem tempore hucusque Ciuitatem et suburbium predicta necnon custodiam pacis in eisdem habuerunt et assiderunt et arraiauerunt homines dictorum Ciuitatis et suburbij pro saluacione pacis et defensione regni quociens

opus fuit et quod non est ad dampnum seu preiudicium nostrum aut aliorum seu diminucionem firme Comitatus Lincolnie si nos omnes et singulas libertates predictas prefatis Maiori et Ciuibus et eorum heredibus et successoribus specificemus et imperpetuum concedamus per cartam nostram Nos conte[m]placione boni seruicij quod predicti Maior et Ciues nobis et dictis progenitoribus nostris hactenus impenderunt ipsosque speramus impensuros vberius infuturum concessimus eis et hac carta nostra confirmauimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris pro melioracione Ciuitatis predictæ quod predicti Maior et Ciues et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Ciuitatis illius de lanis suis in eadem Ciuitate tronatis et mercibus suis ibidem ponderatis necnon et illi quorum lane in eadem Ciuitate fuerunt tronate siue merces ponderate in omnibus aliis locis infra regnum nostrum nisi in locis infra idem regnum vbi lane ille et merces vendite fuerint de tronagio et pesagio inde prestandis imperpetuum sint quieti et quod habeant retorna omnium brevium nostrorum necnon omnium summonicionum de omnibus dicta Ciuitatem et suburbium contingentibus et quod execuciones eorundem necnon profra sua ad Scaccarium nostrum et heredum nostrorum per Balliuos et Ministros Ciuitatis predictæ faciant et compota sua cum predicto Vicecomite Lincolnie qui pro tempore fuerit ibidem reddant et quod imperpetuum habeant tria mercata qualibet septimana diebus videlicet lune Mercurij et Veneris et predictam feriam a predicto die Sancti Botulphi vsque ad predictum diem Apostolorum Petri et Pauli et ultra per tresdecim dies de incremento duraturam nisi incrementum illud sit ad nocumentum vicinarum feriarum Et eciam quod ipsi edificia super dictum murum constructa tenere et alia edificia de novo construere et exitus et proficua inde proveniencia percipere possint sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque et quod habeant in eisdem Ciuitate et suburbio infangenethef et outfangenethef necnon catalla felonum et fugitivorum ibidem et quod occasione huiusmodi catallorum pro tempore preterito per nos vel heredes nostros seu Ministros nostros quoscunque non occasionentur in aliquo seu grauentur Et quod nullus eorum de re aliqua que infra eandem Ciuitatem et suburbium extunc fiet seu eueniet per homines forinsecos conuincatur nisi res illa tangat nos vel heredes nostros seu Communitatem eiusdem Ciuitatis Et quod nullus Minister noster vel heredum nostrorum aut alterius cuiuscunque

de custodia Ciuitatis et suburbij predictorum seu pacis nostre ibidem aut de hominibus eorundem Ciuitatis et suburbii ibidem arraiandis vel ad arma assidendis se in aliquo intromittat nisi in defectu ipsorum Maioris et Ciuium et heredum et successorum suorum predictorum vel nisi nos vel heredes nostri ob aliquam cartam causam seu urgentem necessitatem in auxilium dictorum Ciuium maiorem custodiam pro saluacione Ciuitatis illius ibidem apponere vouerimus Insuper cum predicta carta predicti Henrici progenitoris nostri non fiat mencio de Maiore Ciuitatis illius nec de quantitate firme eiusdem Ciuitatis et in predicta carta predicti Ricardi progenitoris nostri contineatur quod ipsi reddant inde per annum nouies viginti libras ad Scaccarium suum duobus terminis ad Pascha scilicet et ad festum sancti Michaelis et predicti Ciues et eorum antecessores predicti semper hactenus inde reddiderunt ad Scaccarium dictorum progenitorum nostrorum quadraginta libras ad festum Pasche et centum et quadraginta libras ad festum sancti Michaelis sicut dicunt Concessimus et hac carta nostra confirmauimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris prefatis Ciuibus quod Maior et Ciues Ciuitatis illius et eorum heredes et successores predicti habeant et teneant predictam Ciuitatem cum pertinentiis ad feodi firmam de nobis et heredibus nostris reddendo inde nobis et heredibus nostris ad Scaccarium nostrum predictas nouies viginti libras per annum videlicet quadraginta libras ad Scaccarium nostrum Pasche et centum et quadraginta libras residuas ad Scaccarium nostrum Sancti Michaelis imperpetuum prout hactenus facere consueuerint Concessimus eciam pro nobis et heredibus nostris et hac carta nostra confirmauimus quod nullus eorum placitet aut implacitetur extra eandem Ciuitatem de re aliqua infra Ciuitatem illam vel suburbium eiusdem emergente nisi res illa tangat nos vel heredes nostros aut Communitatem dicte Ciuitatis Et quod Burghmanmot semel in ebdomada in Gildehalla Ciuitatis illius videlicet die lune per Maiorem et Balliuos Ciuitatis predictae teneatur prout hactenus fieri consueuit et omnia huiusmodi placita in eodem Burghmanmot tam in presencia nostra et heredum nostrorum quam absentia coram Maiore et Balliuis placitentur et teneantur imperpetuum sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum Justiciariorum Senescallorum Marescallorum Vicecomitum aut aliorum Balliuorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque exceptis dumtaxat placitis de transgressionibus conuencionibus et contractibus in hospicio nostro et heredum nostrorum

in presencia nostra et ipsorum heredum factis quo nos vel heredes nostros seu aliquem de hospicio nostro contingunt Concessimus eciam eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod nullus eorum dum residens fuerit in eisdem Ciuitate vel suburbio per Vicecomitem aut alios Ministros nostros ponatur in assisis iuratis recognicionibus seu inquisicionibus aliquibus cum forinsecis ratione terrarum aut tenementorum suorum forinsecorum Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod predicti Maior et Ciues et eorum heredes et successores predicti Ciuitatem et subure predicta cum pertinentiis teneant ad feodi firmam vt predictum est et omnes et singulas libertates predictas habeant et eis gaudeant et vtantur imperpetuum in forma supradicta.

Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus J. Eliensi Episcopo Cancellario nostro R. Couentrensi et Lichfeldensi Episcopo Edmundo Comite Kancie Auunculo nostro J. de Warennia Comite Surrie Th. Wake Ricardo de Grey de Codenore Johanne de Ros Senescallo hospicii nostri et aliis.

Dat' per manum nostram apud Notingham septimo die Octobris Anno regni nostri primo.

7. Et quia iidem Maior et Ciues per quosdam Justiciarios nostros ad assisas in Comitatu Lincolnie capiendum assignatos super placitis assisarum de tenementis in Ciuitate et suburbio predictis arrainiatarum eo quod de huiusmodi placitis assisarum in predictis cartis expressa mencio facta non existit plur[i]es fuerunt impetiti sicut dicunt Super quo nobis supplicarunt vt pro huiusmodi impeticionibus euitandis in futurum velimus eorum tranquillitati et quieti prospicere in hac parte Nos habito auisamento super hiis cum Magnatibus Justiciariis et aliis de consilio nostro concessimus et hac carta nostra confirmauimus eisdem Maiori Balliuis et Civibus et eorum heredibus et successoribus pro nobis et heredibus nostris imperpetuum quod omnia placita de terris et tenementis que sunt in eadem Ciuitate vel suburbiis ejusdem tam placita de assisis quam alia placita quecunque in predicto Burghmanmot in Gildehalla eiusdem ciuitatis et non alibi coram Maiore et Balliuis predictae Ciuitatis qui pro tempore fuerint tam in presencia nostra et heredum nostrorum quam in absencia placitentur et terminentur sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum seu Ministrorum quorumcunque nisi placita illa tangant nos vel

heredes nostros aut communitatem Ciuitatis predictæ sicut predictum est.

Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus S. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo tocius Anglie Primate J. Eliensi Episcopo¹ Cancellario nostro J. de Eltham Comite Cornubie fratre nostro Rogero de Mortuo Mari Comite Marchie Henrico de Percy Johanne Mautrauers Senescallo hospicij nostri et aliis.

Dat' per manum nostram apud Wyndesore vicesimo secundo die Februarij Anno regni nostri quarto.

6. Nos autem liberationem donaciones concessiones et confirmaciones predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris dictis Ciuibus Ciuitatis Lincolnie et eorum heredibus et successoribus Ciuibus Ciuitatis illius concedimus et confirmamus sicut carta predicta rationabiliter testatur. Preterea volentes eisdem Ciuibus gratiam facere specialem concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum vel quietanciarum in predicta carta contentarum et expressarum casu aliquo emergente hactenus plene vsi non fuerint ipsi tamen Ciues et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Civitatis illius libertate vel libertatibus et quietanciis illis decetero absque impedimento nostro vel heredum nostrorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque plene gaudeant et utantur.

Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus S. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo tocius Anglie Primate W. Londoniensi A. Meneuensi Cancellario Th. Exoniensi Thesaurario nostro Th. Karliolensi Episcopis Johanne Rege Castelle et Legionis Duce Lancastrie Edmundo Comite Cantebrigie Th. Comite Bakinghamie auunculis nostris Ricardo Arundell Th. de Bello Campo Warrewici Hugone Staffordie Comitibus Ricardo Lescrope Senescallo hospicij nostri Guidone de Briene Camerario nostro Johanne de Fordham Custode priuati sigilli nostri et aliis.

Dat' per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium sexto decimo die Marcij anno regnorum nostrorum primo.

5. Nos autem liberationem donaciones et confirmaciones predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris dictis Ciuibus Ciuitatis Lincolnie et eorum heredibus et successoribus Ciuibus Ciui-

¹ *H. Lincolnensi Episcopo* here added in the text inspected in the charter of 7 Hen. VIII. See also p. 61.

tatis illius concedimus et confirmamus sicut carta predicta rationabiliter testatur Preterea volentes eisdem Ciuibus gratiam facere specialem concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum vel quietanciarum in predicta carta contentarum et expressarum casu aliquo emergente hactenus plene vsi non fuerint ipsi tamen ciues et eorum heredes et successores Ciues Ciuitatis illius libertate vel libertatibus et quietanciis illis decetero absque impedimento nostro vel heredum nostrorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque plene gaudeant et vtantur. Insuper ad insinuacionem dilectorum nobis Maioris et Communitatis Ciuitatis nostre predictae accipientes qualiter ipsi et eorum predecesores Ciuitatem predictam ad firmam de nobilibus progenitoribus nostris quondam Regibus Anglie et nobis antiquitus habuerunt et tenuerunt Reddendo inde per annum ad Scaccarium ipsorum progenitorum nostrorum et nostrum Centum et quaterviginti libras et qualiter terre redditus franchises libertates proficua et alie commoditates vnde dicta feodi firma emergere et leuari solebat ad presens in tantum deuastata subtracta diminuta et exinannita existant quod eadem feodi firma infra Ciuitatem predictam leuabilis non existit nec Maior et Communitas predicti eandem feodi firmam de terris franchises libertatibus redditibus et proficuis predictis leuare et colligere sciunt neque possunt in status ipsorum Maioris et Communitatis depressionem et eiusdem Ciuitatis per processum temporis verisimilem destruccionem nisi de auxilio et remedio per nos in hac parte gratiose prouideatur de gratia nostra speciali concessimus prefatis Maiori et Communitati Ciuitatem predictam ac suburbia et procinctum eiusdem Saluis semper et reseruatis nobis et heredibus nostris Ducibus Lancastrie Castro Lincolnie ac fossatis et muris eiusdem infra et extra cum omnibus suis membris visu franciplegij et quicquid ad visum franciplegii pertinet de omnimodis aliis franchises et libertatibus adeo libere et integre sicut Johannes nuper Dux Lancastrie pater noster et Blanchea nuper vxor sua mater nostra seu aliquis antecessor eiusdem matris nostre seu ipsi qui in Constabular' dicti Castri Lincolnie habuerunt ac adeo libere et integre sicut in recordo cuiusdam commissionis de audiendo et terminando nuper per predictum dominum et patrem nostrum versus Robertum Ledes et alios coram Roberto Woloughby Chiualer et aliis Justiciariis ad hoc assignatis Anno regni carissimi domini et consanguinei nostri Regis Ricardi terciodecimo prosecute continetur

De quibus quidem Castro ballio libertatibus et franchisesiis predictis cum pertinentiis volumus quod occupatio Officiariis et Ministris Ducatus nostri Lancastrie pertineat absque eo quod predicti Maior et Communitas seu eorum successores exnunc infra predicta Castrum ballium muros fossata seu franchisesias de aliquo se interponant seu misceant aliter quam temporibus dictorum patris et matris nostrorum et antecessorum suorum faciebant[†] Habendum et tenendum eisdem Maiori et Communitati et successoribus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris Regibus Anglie vt predictum est per feodi firmam supradictam In cuius quidem feodi firme auxilium et supportacionem et dicte Ciuitatis releuamen de gratia nostra speciali concessimus predictis Maiori et Communitati quod ipsi eorum heredes et successores decetero loco Balliuorum Ciuitatis predictae duos Vicecomites de Ciuibus eiusdem Ciuitatis eligere possint quodque ijdem Maior Vicecomites et Communitas Ciuitatis illius ac eorum heredes et successores omnes libertates et franchisesias per dictos progenitores nostros ab antiquo concessas habere et eis gaudere valeant et quod nomen balliuorum Ciuitatis predictae in nomen Vicecomitum sit translatum et dicta Ciuitas Comitatus Ciuitatis Lincolnie sit appellata Concessimus eciam de habundanti gratia nostra prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati libertates franchisesias et proficua subsequencia sibi et eorum heredibus et successoribus imperpetuum optinenda videlicet quod predicta Ciuitas et suburbia et procinctum eiusdem Castro et ballio Lincolnie ac muris et fossatis eiusdem vt predictum est exceptis exnunc imperpetuum Comitatus Ciuitatis Lincolnie nuncupentur et quod Maior Ciuitatis predictae qui pro tempore fuerit Escaetor noster et heredum nostrorum infra eandem Ciuitatem ac suburbia et procinctum eiusdem existat et sacramentum suum pro dicto officio Escaetoris eodem tempore et coram eisdem personis faciat coram quibus sacramentum faciet pro dicto officio Maioratus et quod Vicecomites dicte Ciuitatis pro tempore existentes coram Maiore et Communitate eiusdem Ciuitatis in Gihalda eiusdem iurati existant absque aliquibus brevibus inde penes nos et heredes nostros prosequendis ac quod Escaetores et Vicecomites Ciuitatis predictae qui pro tempore fuerint iurisdiccionem potestatem et libertatem faciendi execucionem de omni eo quod ad officia Escaetoris et Vicecomitum infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum predicta pertinet habere possint quodque dicti Vicecomites pro tempore existentes comitatus suos de sex septimanis in sex septimanas modo quo

Comitatus in Comitatu Lincolnie tenentur tenere possint et quod ipsi Curiis suis uti et eas habere et tenere possint modo quo antiquitus infra Ciuitatem predictam coram Maiore et Balliuis eiusdem consuetum et vsitatum fuit ac quod dicti Maior Vicecomites et Communitas proficua Curiarum predictarum habere possent modo et forma quibus Balliui Ciuitatis predictae ea antiquitus habuerunt ac quod Escaetores et Vicecomites Ciuitatis predictae qui pro tempore fuerint singulis annis profra et compota sua ad Scaccarium nostrum et heredum nostrorum per attornatum vel attornatos suos sufficientem potestatem per litteras patentes communi sigillo Ciuitatis predictae sigillatas ad hoc habentem seu habentes facere valeant quodque Thesaurarius et Barones de eodem Scaccario dictos attornatum vel attornatos ad hec faciendum recipiant absque eo quod predicti Escaetor et Vicecomites seu eorum successores ad veniendum extra Ciuitatem predictam pro compoto de aliquibus rebus que officium Escaetrie seu Vicecomitis Ciuitatis predictae concernunt reddendo compellantur Volentes insuper et concedentes quod predicti Maior et Vicecomites et eorum heredes et successores cum quatuor de discreciorebus hominibus Ciuitatis predictae per Communitatem eiusdem ad hoc eligendis imperpetuum habeant plenam correccionem punicionem auctoritatem et potestatem inquirendi audiendi et terminandi omnimodas materias querelas defectus causas et articulos que ad officium Justiciarii pacis ac laboratorum et artificum pertinent et omnimoda alia infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum predicta per terram et per aquam accidentia seu contingencia et que aliquo modo coram Justiciariis pacis laboratorum et artificum inquire et terminari poterunt adeo integre et plenarie prout Justiciarii pacis laboratorum et artificum in Comitatu Lincolnie ante hec tempora habuerunt et vsi fuerunt absque eo quod Justiciarii nostri pacis laboratorum et artificum seu heredum nostrorum infra Comitatum Ciuitatis predictae de aliquibus rebus causis querelis materiis defectibus seu alio articulo quocunque Justiciariis pacis laboratorum et artificum pertinentibus exnunc aliquo modo se intromittant Preterea ex habundanti gratia nostra concessimus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati et eorum heredibus et successoribus franchises et libertates subscriptas videlicet quod habeant catalla vtlagatorum felonum et fugitivorum de omnibus hominibus tenentibus et residentibus infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum predicta licet alibi extra eandem Ciuitatem de nobis seu aliis tenuerint Ita quod si quis eorum pro

delicto suo vitam vel membrum debeat amittere vel fugerit et iudicio stare noluerit vel aliud quodcunque delictum fecerit per quod catalla sua debeat perdere vbicunque iusticia de eo debeat fieri sive in Curia nostra vel heredum nostrorum siue in aliis Curiis ipsa catalla sint ipsorum Maioris Vicecomitum et Communitatis heredum et successorum suorum et quod liceat eis seu Ministris suis sine impedimento nostri heredum nostrorum Vicecomitum aut aliorum Balliuorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque ponere se in scisina de catallis predictis et eas ad vsum predictorum Maioris Vicecomitum et Communitatis heredum et successorum suorum retinere et quod habeant imperpetuum omnes fines pro quibuscunque transgressionibus et delictis ac eciam fines pro licencia concordandi ac omnia amerciamenta redempciones exitus forisfactos forisfacturas annum diem et vastum et estrepamentum ac omnia que ad nos et heredes nostros pertinere poterunt de huiusmodi anno die et vasto necnon de murdris de omnibus hominibus tenentibus et residentibus in Ciuitate suburbiis et procinctu predictis licet alibi de nobis seu de aliis tenuerint aut in quibuscunque curiis nostris et heredum nostrorum homines tenentes et residentes illos tam coram nobis et heredibus nostris et in Cancellaria nostra ac coram Thesaurario et Baronibus nostris et heredum nostrorum de Scaccario et coram Justiciariis nostris et heredum nostrorum de Banco et coram Senescallo et Mariscallo seu clerico mercati hospicij nostri et heredum nostrorum qui pro tempore fuerint et in aliis curiis nostris et heredum nostrorum quam coram Justiciariis nostris itinerantibus ad communia placita fforeste et quibuscunque aliis Justiciariis nostris et Ministris ac heredum nostrorum tam in presencia nostra et heredum nostrorum quam in absencia nostra et heredum nostrorum fines facere vel amerciari exitus forisfacere annum diem et vastum seu forisfacturas et murdra adiudicari contigerit et que fines amerciamenta redempciones exitus annus dies vastum sive estrepamentum forisfacture murdra ad nos vel heredes nostros possint pertinere si prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati et heredibus et successoribus suis concessa non fuissent Et quod habeant in Ciuitate predicta singulis annis vnā feriam incepturam per quindecim dies ante festum deposicionis sancti Hugonis et duraturam per quindecim dies post festum predictum Et insuper ex habundanti concessimus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati ac eorum heredibus et successoribus illas sex libras de firma quam

Telarij Ciuitatis predicte nobis annuatim reddunt ad Scaccarium nostrum pro gilda sua habenda infra Ciuitatem predictam Habendum eisdem Maiori et Vicecomitibus et Communitati et eorum heredibus et successoribus imperpetuum in auxilium solucionis firme Ciuitatis predicte Nolentes quod per translacionem alternacionem et mutacionem nominum Balliuorum Ciuitatis predicte nec per aliquam aliam causam seu colorem aliqua vel alique franchisesiarum libertatum priuilegiorum immunitatum quietanciarum seu proficuorum prefatis Maiori et Communitati eorum heredibus successoribus tenentibus et residentibus infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum predicta per nobiles progenitores nostros antiquitus concessa quouis modo denegata restricta diminuta seu abreuiata existant set quod predicti Maior Vicecomites et Communitas eorum heredes et successores omnia et singula franchisesias libertates privilegia immunitates quietancias commoditates et consuetudines de articulo in articulum de verbo in verbum habeant teneant et vtantur que predicti Maior Balliui et Communitas Ciuitatis predicte eorum antecessores et predecessores ante mutacionem nominum Balliuorum predictorum ex concessionibus progenitorum nostrorum habuerunt et vsi fuerunt Intencionis tamen nostre non existat nec volumus quod Maior Balliui et Communitas Lincolnie vel heredes aut successores sui vigore seu colore aliquorum officiorum suorum Maioris Vicecomitum Escaetoris Justiciariorum pacis seu alicuius alterius officij vel cause seu virtute vel colore aliquarum libertatum et franchisesiarum superius declaratarum aut consuetudinum quarumcunque habeant vel aliquis eorum habeat iurisdiccione[m] aliquam exercitium¹ intromissionem vel cognicionem quarumcunque infra ecclesiam Cathedralē Lincolnie nec clausum libertates et franchisesias eiusdem nec de Decano Canonicis vicariis seu aliis Ministris eiusdem ecclesie nec eorum Officiariis seruientibus tenentibus et residentibus infra ecclesiam et clausum predicta vel de eorum aliquo aut eorum successoribus pro aliquibus rebus vel causis quocunque nomine censeantur infra eadem ecclesiam et clausum factis vel faciendis nec de contractibus rebus seu aliquo alio defectu contractu vel delicto cuiuscunque generis fuerint vel nature facere attemptare interponere seu intromittere infra ecclesiam et clausum predicta pro aliquibus rebus causis vel contractibus quibuscunque extra ecclesiam et clausum predicta infra dictam Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum vel alibi infuturum quo-

¹ *exercitum*, orig. MS.

modolibet factis vel faciendis set quod Decanus et Capitulum ecclesie predictae et eorum successores omnia feoda libertates priuilegia franchises vsus et consuetudines sua quecunque per ipsos eorum Ministros tenentes et residentes ac eorum predecessores antiquitus eis concessa habita vel vsitata infra ecclesiam clausum Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum predicta habeant et eis libere pacifice integre et illese in omnibus et per omnia gaudeant et vtantur Quodque ecclesia et clausum predicta in omnibus et per omnia prout ante hec tempora fuerunt et fieri debuerunt vel rationabiliter consueuerunt gubernentur deducantur et pertractentur Presenti concessione nostra et aliorum progenitorum et antecessorum nostrorum prefatis Maiori Balliui et Communitati ut premittitur facta vel aliqua alia eis heredibus vel successoribus suis per nos vel heredes nostros imposterum facienda non obstante Compositione vero inter Decanum et Capitulum ecclesie Lincolnie predictae ex parte vna et Maiorem et Communitatem Lincolnie ex parte altera quondam per considerationem carissimi Domini et patris nostri predicti facta in suo robore iuxta tenorem et effectum eiusdem in omnibus continue futuris temporibus permanente Saluis eciam Henrico de Bello Monte Domino de Folkyngham et heredibus suis omnibus libertatibus et franchisesiis suis infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum predicta adeo integre et eodem modo prout ipse eas habet et antecessores sui eas ante hec tempora habuerunt.

Hiis testibus Venerabilibus patribus Th. Cantuariensi tocius Anglie Primate Cancellario nostro H. Eboracensi Anglie primate archiepiscopis R. Londoniensi Th. Dunelmensi N. Bathoniensi et Wellensi Episcopis Edwardo Duce Eboracensi Johanne Comite Somersetie Camerario nostro Johanne Typtot Thesaurario nostro Anglie Magistro Johanne Prophete Custode priuati sigilli nostri et Johanne Stanley Senescallo hospicii nostri et aliis.

Dat' per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium vicesimo primo die Nouembris Anno regni nostri vndecimo.

4. Nos autem liberacionem donaciones concessiones voluntates et confirmaciones predictas ac omnia alia et singula in cartis et litteris predictis contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est nunc Maiori et Communitati dicte Ciuitatis Lincolnie ac Ciuibus eiusdem Ciuitatis et eorum heredibus et successoribus Maiori et Communitati ac Ciuibus Ciuitatis illius

concedimus et confirmamus prout carte et littere predictae rationabiliter testantur Preterea volentes eisdem Maiori et Communitati ac Ciuibz predictis gratiam in hac parte facere vberiore concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores Maiores et Communitas ac Ciues ibidem aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum siue quietanciarum seu aliquorum aliorum in cartis et litteris predictis contentorum aliquo casu emergente hucusque vsi non fuerint ipsi tamen Maior et Communitas ac Ciues et eorum heredes et successores Maiores et Communitas ac Ciues Ciuitatis illius libertatibus et quietanciis predictis ac ceteris aliis in cartis et litteris predictis contentis et eorum quolibet de cetero plene gaudeant et vtantur absque impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum Justiciariorum Escaetorum Vicecomitum aut aliorum Balliuorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quoruncunque.

Hiis testibus Venerabilibus patribus H. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo totius Anglie Primate H. Wyntoniensi Auunculo nostro carissimo Cancellario nostro R. Norwicensi Episcopis Thoma Clarenc[i]e Johanne Bedefordie Humfrido Gloucestrie fratribz nostris carissimis et Edwardo Eboraci Consanguineo nostro Ducibus Thoma Arundell' Thesaurario nostro Ricardo Warrewici Consanguineis nostris Comitibus Henrico Fitz Hugh Camerario nostro Thoma Erpyngham Senescallo hospicii nostri Militibus et Magistro Johanne Prophete Custode priuati sigilli nostri et aliis.

Dat' per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium quinto decimo die Decembris Anno regni nostri secundo.

3. Nos autem dictam cartam predicti patris nostri de huiusmodi libertatibus quietanciis liberatione donacionibus concessionibus voluntatibus et confirmacionibus ac aliis in eadem carta specificatis et minime revocatis de ausamento et assensu dominorum spiritualium et temporalium in parlamento nostro apud Westmonasterium Anno regni nostri primo tento existentium approbamus ratificamus et confirmamus prout carta predicta rationabiliter testatur et prout ijdem Maior et Communitas Ciuitatis predictae ac Ciues illius Ciuitatis eisdem libertatibus et quietanciis liberatione donacionibus concessionibus voluntatibus et consuetudinibus ac aliis predictis vti debeant ipsique et eorum antecessores et predecessores Maiores Communitas et Ciues eiusdem Ciuitatis libertatibus et quietanciis liberatione

donacionibus concessionibus voluntatibus et confirmacionibus illis ac aliis predictis a tempore confeccionis carte predictae semper hactenus rationabiliter vti et gaudere consueverunt. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quarto die Januarij anno regni nostri secundo.

2. Nos autem dictam cartam predicti Henrici quarti nuper de facto et non de iure¹ regis Anglie de huiusmodi libertatibus quietanciis liberatione donacionibus concessionibus voluntatibus et confirmacionibus ac aliis in eadem carta specificatis et minime revocatis auctoritate parlamenti nostri apud Westmonasterium quarto die Novembris anno regni nostri primo tenti acceptamus approbamus ac Dilectis nobis nunc Maiori Communitati et Ciuibus Ciuitatis predictae quantum in nobis est ratificamus et confirmamus prout carta predicta rationabiliter testatur Et insuper de vberiori gratia nostra considerantes desolacionem et demolacionem dicte Ciuitatis Lincolnie per ruinam habitacionum parochiarum domorum et locorum in maxima parte et quasi per medium tocius Ciuitatis illius iam habitas et euentas paupertatemque penuriam et paucitatem inhabitancium conuersancium in eadem ac aliorum resorciancium siue reparancium ad eandem per viam mercandise siue aliter in qua Ciuitate ob olim magna multitudo inhabitancium tam mercatorum quam aliorum et

2. We therefore accept and approve the said charter of the aforesaid Henry the fourth late in fact and not by right King of England concerning such manner of liberties, quittances, delivery, gifts, grants, wills and confirmations and other things in the same charter specified and not revoked by the authority of our parliament holden at Westminster on the fourth day of November in the first year of our reign and we ratify and confirm them to our beloved the present mayor, commonalty and citizens of the city aforesaid, as far as in us doth lie, just as the charter aforesaid reasonably bears witness.

And moreover of our more abundant grace considering the desolation and decadence of the said city of Lincoln, on account of the ruin of the inhabitings of the parishes, houses and places for the greater part and as it were in the midst of the whole of that city, already suffered and happened, and the poverty, penury and paucity of the inhabitants dwelling within the same, and of others resorting or repairing thereto for the object of merchandising or otherwise, in the which city from of old a great concourse of inhabitants

¹ *de facto et non de iure* omitted in the Inspecimus of 7 Hen. VIII.

ad quam magna copia similiter aliorum extraneorum mercatorum causa mercandisandi infra eandem ob olim habebant per quod Ciuitas illa quondam multipliciter fuit ditata et quod in brevi Ciuitas illa in extremas ruinam et desolacionem de veresimili deveniet nisi Maiori Communitati et Ciuibus Ciuitatis predicte de gratia nostra habundancius velimus impartiri intelligentes quodque infra Ciuitatem predictam sunt diuersa loca habentia diuersas libertates et franchises infra eandem Volentesque pro releuamine Maioris Communitatis et Ciuium Ciuitatis illius aliquialiter providere de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis et heredibus nostris concedimus Thome Grantham nunc Maiori et Ciuibus Ciuitatis Lincolnie ac nunc eidem Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati Ciuitatis predicte et successoribus suis imperpetuum quod ville et villate de Braunstone Wadyngtone Bracebrigge et Canwik que sunt infra et de Comitatu Lincolnie a festo Pasche iam proxime futuro pro perpetuo sint distincta et separata a corpore dicti Comitatus Lincolnie ac annexa et vnita Comitatu Ciuitatis predicte et parcelle eiusdem Comitatus et de ac infra Comitatum Ciuitatis illius ac libertatem et procinctum eiusdem et non de dicto Comitatu Lincolnie nec parcella

as well merchants as others existed and to the which city there was of old a great plenty in like manner of other foreign merchants for the object of dealing in merchandise within the same, by reason whereof that city was formerly in many ways manifoldly enriched; and that in a short space of time that city is very like to fall into extreme ruin and desolation unless we be willing to bestow aid more abundantly of our grace to the mayor, commonalty and citizens of the city aforesaid, and understanding that within the city aforesaid there are divers places having divers liberties and franchises within the same, and Willing for the relief of the mayor, commonalty and citizens of that city to make provision in some respects, of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion for ourselves and our heirs we grant to Thomas Grantham present mayor and the citizens of the city of Lincoln and now to the same mayor, sheriffs and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors for ever that the towns and townships of Braunstone, Wadyngtone, Bracebrigge and Canwik, which lie within and are part of the county of Lincoln, from the feast of Easter now next ensuing for ever be distinct and separated from the body of the said county of Lincoln and annexed and united to the county of the city aforesaid and form parcels of the same county and be of and within the county of that city and the liberty and precinct thereof and not of the said county of Lincoln nor parcel thereof or within

eiusdem aut infra eundem Comitatum Lincolnie existant quibuscunque nominibus predictæ ville et villate siue aliqua inde parcella nuncupentur aut appellantur quovismodo. Et predicta Ciuitas et predictæ ville et villate superius recitate sint de Comitatu Ciuitatis Lincolnie et Comitatus Ciuitatis Lincolnie decetero nuncupentur. Et quod post dictum festum Pasche proxime iam futurum nullus Vicecomes siue Minister noster aut heredum nostrorum in dicto Comitatu Lincolnie aliquo tempore tunc futuro existens aliquam execucionem aliquorum mandatorum breuium seu preceptorum nostrorum aut heredum nostrorum aut Justiciariorum seu Commissionariorum quorumcunque nostri vel heredum nostrorum infra dictum Comitatum Ciuitatis predictæ nec infra predictas villas et villatas de Braunstone Wadyngtone Bracebrigge et Canwyk dicto Comitatu Ciuitatis predictæ vt predictur vnitas et annexas aut in aliquibus partibus eorundem facere aut exequi presumat nec se inde ibidem in aliquo intromittat nec dictam Ciuitatem aut villas siue villatas predictas aut aliquam partem eorundem ingrediatur ad aliquod officium suum ibidem exercendum Set omnes execuciones inde per Maiorem Ciuitatis predictæ aut per Vicecomitem eiusdem Ciuitatis et successores suos omnino fiant Et quod Justiciarii pacis infra Comitatum Ciuitatis predictæ habeant potestatem audiendi et terminandi omnimodas felonias transgressiones et malefacta tam

the same county of Lincoln, by whatsoever names the aforesaid towns and townships or any parcel thereof be named or called in any way whatever. And that the aforesaid city and the aforesaid towns and townships above recited belong to the county of the city of Lincoln and from henceforward belong to the county of the city of Lincoln and be named the county of the city of Lincoln. And that after the said feast of Easter next ensuing no sheriff or minister of us or our heirs presume to make or execute in the said county of Lincoln at any time then thereafter ensuing any execution of any mandates, writs or precepts of us or our heirs or of any whomsoever justices or commissioners of us or our heirs within the said county of the city aforesaid nor within the aforesaid towns and townships of Braunstone, Wadyngtone, Bracebrigge and Canwyk unto the said county of the city aforesaid, as is aforesaid, united and annexed, or in any parts thereof, nor from thenceforth therein in any wise interpose themselves, nor enter the said city or the towns or townships aforesaid or any part thereof for exercising any their office within the same. But all executions relating to the same are wholly to be made by the mayor of the city aforesaid or by the sheriff of the same city and their successors; and that the justices of the peace within the county of the city aforesaid have power of hearing and determining all manner of felonies, trespasses and

infra Ciuitatem predictam quam infra villas [et] villatas predictas emergencia facta siue perpetrata. Et quod coronatores [et] Escaetores infra Comitatum Ciuitatis predictae qui nunc sunt et qui pro tempore erunt et successores sui habeant omnimodas potestatem et auctoritatem exercendi et faciendi officia sua Coronatorum et Escaetorum et omnia que ad officia sua huiusmodi pertinent infra villas et villatas predictas adeo plene et integre prout habent et habere debent et consueuerunt infra Ciuitatem predictam. Et quod nullus Coronator neque Escaetor nostri vel heredum nostrorum dicti Comitatus Lincolnie dictas villas siue villatas aut aliquam partem earundem ingrediatur aut ingredi presumat ad aliquod officium suum ibidem faciendum aut exercendum. Et quod omnes et singuli inhabitantes infra Ciuitatem suburbia libertates franchises et procinctum eiusdem heredes et successores sui inhabitantes infra eandem seu aliquam inde partem seu parcellam lot Scott et omnibus aliis oneribus infra Ciuitatem predictam ac libertates et franchises eiusdem colligendis subeundis fiendis supportandis vel habendis per Ciues Ciuitatis predictae iuxta discrecionem Maioris et Vicecomitum ac aliorum officia seu regimen Ciuitatis illius aut infra eandem habencium seu gerencium fiendis seu ordinandis contribuant ac ea soluere et eisdem contribuere

offences arising, done or perpetrated as well within the city aforesaid as within the towns [and] townships aforesaid. And that the coroners [and] escheators who now are and who shall be hereafter and their successors within the county of the city aforesaid have all manner of power and authority of exercising and performing their offices of coroners and escheators and all things which unto their offices in such respect appertain within the towns and townships aforesaid so fully and wholly as they have and ought to have and have been wont to have the same within the city aforesaid; and that no coroner nor escheator of us or our heirs of the said county of Lincoln enter or presume to enter the said towns or townships or any part thereof for performing or exercising any thing his office therein. And that all and singular the inhabitants within the city, suburbs, liberties, franchises and precinct thereof, their heirs and successors inhabitants within the same or any part or parcel thereof, contribute to lot, scot and all other the burdens within the city aforesaid and the liberties and franchises thereof to be collected, undergone, made, supported or had by the citizens of the city aforesaid, according to the discretion of the mayor and sheriffs and others holding or exercising offices or government of that city or within the same to be made or ordained and be held to pay them and to contribute to the same. And that

teneantur ac quod eorum quilibet omnimoda officia ad que ipse exercenda infra Ciuitatem predictam ac libertates et franchises eiusdem secundum consuetudinem Ciuitatis illius ac ordinaciones in eadem per Ciues Ciuitatis illius factas seu fiendas electus aut positus fuerit facere exercere gerere et subire compellatur per Maiorem Vicecomites et Ciues Ciuitatis illius iuxta ordinaciones per eos heredes aut successores suos inde factas seu fiendas, Et si quis huiusmodi sic electorum huiusmodi officium super se assumere aut exequi recusauerit et illud facere noluerit quod tunc ipse sic recusans penam et forisfacturam per ipsos Maiorem Vicecomites et Ciues et heredes aut successores suos in ea parte limitandas et assignandas eisdem Maiori Vicecomitibus et Ciuibus forisfaciat et subeat et eam eis soluere per eos compellatur per districtionem bonorum et catallorum suorum et aliis viis et modis superinde per eos providendis et ordinandis. Ita quod nullus infra Ciuitatem libertates et franchises predictas sit commorans seu conuersans nisi ad huiusmodi contribuciones onera et officia sic supportandum et subeundum ad que vel eorum aliquod per ipsos Maiorem Vicecomites et Ciues positus seu assessus fuerit iuxta ordinaciones predictas regi et gubernari voluerit. Et quod bene liceat eisdem Maiori Vicecomitibus et Ciuibus et successoribus suis

any one of them be compelled to perform, exercise, bear and undergo all manner of duties to the exercising of which that one shall have been chosen or placed within the city aforesaid and the liberties and franchises thereof in accordance with the custom of that city and the ordinances made or to be made in the same by the citizens of that city, by the mayor, sheriffs and citizens of that city according to the ordinances made or to be made by them, their heirs or successors in that behalf. And if any one in such respect thus chosen shall have refused to take upon himself such manner of office or to perform it and shall have been unwilling to execute it, that then he thus refusing is to forfeit and undergo the penalty and forfeiture by them the mayor, sheriffs and citizens and their heirs or successors in that behalf to be limited and appointed, to the same the mayor, sheriffs and citizens, and be compelled by them to pay it to them by distress of their goods and chattels and by other ways and means to that end by them to be provided and ordained. So that no one be dwelling or sojourning within the city, liberties and franchises aforesaid unless he shall have been willing to be ruled and governed to thus supporting and undergoing such manner of contributions, burdens and duties to the which, or to any one whereof, he shall have been placed or assessed by them the mayor, sheriffs and citizens according to the ordinances aforesaid. And that it be well lawful to the same the mayor, sheriffs and citizens and

pro re publica sano regimine ac speciali releuamine Ciuitatis predictæ ordinationes statuta et prouisiones infra Ciuitatem et libertatem predictam condere obseruandas necnon eadem reformare corrigere et si necesse fuerit mutare cassare et adnullare tociens quociens sibi placuerit imperpetuum Et eciam ubi exiguntur annuatim in Scaccario *j*℥. per annum de Balliuis Lincolnie de Adam Cokerell' de Lincolnia et heredibus suis de domibus que fuerunt Vrselli Leuy Judei de Wickford in parochia Sancti Marci Euangeliste aut aliter *j*℥. per annum de Balliuis Ciuitatis Lincolnie de Adam Cokerell' et heredibus suis de domibus suis que fuerunt Vrselli Leuy seu aliter *j*℥. per annum de Balliuis Ciuitatis Lincolnie de Adam Cokerell' et heredibus suis de redditibus domorum que fuerunt Vrselly Leuy et *ij*℥. per annum de Balliuis Lincolnie de Roberto de Leuerton' et heredibus suis et assignatis pro diuersis domibus que fuerunt Diabelle Judee dampnate vel aliter *ij*℥. per annum de Balliuis Lincolnie de Roberto de Verton' et heredibus de domibus que fuerunt Diabelle iudee seu aliter *ij*℥. per annum de Balliuis Lincolnie de Roberto de Verton' et heredibus suis de domibus que fuerunt Diabelle Judee et *vj*℥. per annum de Wilhelmo filio Warenij de quadam purprestura aut aliter *vj*℥. per annum de Wilhelmo filio Warneri pro quadam purprestura aut aliter *vj*℥. per annum de

their successors for the common weal, sound government and especial relief of the city aforesaid to make ordinances, statutes and provisions within the city and liberty aforesaid to be observed, also to reform the same, to correct them and if need arise to change, quash and annul them so often as it shall have pleased them for ever. And also whereas there are required yearly in the exchequer one penny by the year from the bailiffs of Lincoln from Adam Cockerell of Lincoln and his heirs out of houses which belonged to Vrsell Levy, the Jew, of Wickford, in the parish of Saint Mark the Evangelist or otherwise—one penny by the year from the bailiffs of the city of Lincoln from Adam Cockerell and his heirs out of his houses which belonged to Vrsell Levy or otherwise—one penny by the year from the bailiffs of the city of Lincoln from Adam Cockerell and his heirs out of rents of houses which belonged to Vrsell Levy—and two pence by the year from the bailiffs of Lincoln from Robert de Leverton and his heirs and assigns for divers houses which belonged to Diabella the Jewess who was condemned or otherwise—two pence by the year from the bailiffs of Lincoln from Robert de Verton and his heirs out of houses which belonged to Diabella the Jewess or otherwise—and sixpence by the year from William, son of Warene, out of a certain purpresture or otherwise—sixpence by the year from William, son of Warner, out of a certain purpresture or otherwise—sixpence by the year from

Willelmo filio Warneri de quadam purprestura et *vjd.* per annum de Reinerio filio Johannis de quadam purprestura siue aliter *vjd.* per annum de Reinerno filio Johannis de quadam purprestura seu aliter *vjd.* per annum de Rimerno filio Johannis de quadam purprestura seu aliter *vjd.* per annum de Rimerio filio Johannis de quadam purprestura et *ijjd.* per annum de Thoma filio Petri de Lincolnia pro quadam purprestura in Lincolnia aut aliter *ijjd.* per annum de Thoma filio Petri Lincolnie de quadam purprestura in Lincolnia et *ijd.* per annum de Balliuis Ciuitatis Lincolnie de annuo redditu domorum que fuerunt Bealleset Judee de Waltero de Foure de Foleteby et heredibus suis aut aliter *ijd.* per annum de Balliuis Ciuitatis Lincolnie de Roberto Floure de Flotby et heredibus suis de redditu domorum que fuerunt Belasset Judee aut aliter *ijd.* per annum de Balliuis Ciuitatis Lincolnie de Roberto Foure de Flotby et heredibus suis de redditu domorum que fuerunt Belasset Judee aut aliter *ijd.* per annum de Balliuis Ciuitatis Lincolnie de Roberto Foure de Fletby et heredibus suis de redditu domorum que fuerunt Belasset Judee et *vjd.* per annum de Galfrido de Escot de quadam purprestura aut aliter *vjd.* per annum de Galfrido Scot de quadam purprestura aut aliter *vjd.* per annum

William, son of Warner, out of a certain purpresture—and sixpence by the year from Reiner, son of John, out of a certain purpresture or otherwise—sixpence by the year from Reinern, son of John, out of a certain purpresture or otherwise—sixpence by the year from Rimern, son of John, out of a certain purpresture or otherwise—sixpence by the year from Rimer, son of John, out of a certain purpresture—and three pence by the year from Thomas, son of Peter, of Lincoln, for a certain purpresture in Lincoln or otherwise—three pence by the year from Thomas, son of Peter, of Lincoln, out of a certain purpresture in Lincoln—and two pence by the year from the bailiffs of the city of Lincoln out of the yearly rent of the houses which belonged to Bealleset the Jewess from Walter de Foure de Foleteby and his heirs or otherwise—two pence by the year from the bailiffs of the city of Lincoln from Robert Floure of Flotby and his heirs out of the rent of the houses which belonged to Belasset the Jewess or otherwise—two pence by the year from the bailiffs of the city of Lincoln from Robert Foure of Flotby and his heirs out of the rent of the houses which belonged to Belasset the Jewess or otherwise—two pence by the year from the bailiffs of the city of Lincoln from Robert Foure of Fletby and his heirs out of the rent of the houses which belonged to Belasset the Jewess—and sixpence by the year from Geoffrey de Escot out of a certain purpresture or otherwise—sixpence by the year from Geoffrey Scot out of a certain purpresture or otherwise—sixpence by the year from Geoffrey Escote

de Galfrido Escote de quadam purprestura et ixs. vd. de Ciuibus
 Lincolnie de minutis firmis videlicet ijs. de Magistro Johanne de
 Bellomonte de firma cuiusdam placee aut aliter ijs. de Magistro
 Johanne de Bellomonte de quadam placea et vjd. per annum de
 Waltero Rugemunt pro .j. mesuagio aut aliter vjd. de Waltero
 Rugemunt pro .j. mesuagio et iijs. de Gilberto filio Fulon de .j.
 mesuagio aut aliter iijs. de Gilberto filio Fulconis pro uno mesuagio
 et ijs. de Waltero filio Agnetis de .j. mesuagio aut aliter ijs. de Waltero
 filio Agnetis pro uno mesuagio et ijs. de Magistro Roberto de Grauenell'
 de firma quatuor pedum terre aut aliter ijd. de Magistro Roberto
 Grauell' de firma iijj. pedum terre et xijd. de Petro de Baillo de
 quadam purprestura aut aliter xijd. de Petro de Ballio de firma
 cuiusdam pasture et iijd. de Willelmo filio Rogeri pro vno pede et
 dimidio terre aut aliter iijd. de Willelmo filio Rogeri pro vno pede
 terre Et vjd. de Roberto Pittemose de tribus pedibus terre aut aliter
 vjd. de Roberto Pittemose de tribus pedibus terre Et eciam xs. per
 annum de domibus que fuerunt Diabelle Judee dampnate que sunt
 Escaete nostre per feloniam eiusdem Judee Et xixs. vjd. per annum

out of a certain purpresture—and nine shillings and five pence from the
 citizens of Lincoln out of minute farms, that is to say two shillings from
 Master John de Beaumont from the farm of a certain place or otherwise—two
 shillings from Master John de Beaumont for a certain place—and sixpence by
 the year from Walter Rugemunt for one messuage or otherwise—sixpence
 from Walter Rugemunt for one messuage—and three shillings from Gilbert,
 son of Fulon, out of one messuage or otherwise—three shillings from Gilbert,
 son of Fulke, out of one messuage—and two shillings from Walter, son of
 Agnes, out of one messuage or otherwise—two shillings from Walter, son of
 Agnes, out of one messuage—and two shillings from Master Robert de
 Gravenell' of farm of four feet of land or otherwise—two pence from Master
 Robert Gravell' of farm of four feet of land—and twelve pence from Peter
 de Baillo out of a certain purpresture or otherwise—twelve pence from Peter
 de Ballio from the farm of a certain pasture—and three pence from William
 son of Roger, for one foot and a half of land or otherwise—three pence from
 William, son of Roger, for one foot of land—and sixpence from Robert Pitte-
 mose from three feet of land or otherwise—sixpence from Robert Pittemose
 from three feet of land—And also ten shillings by the year from houses
 which belonged to Diabella the Jewess who was condemned and which
 are our escheats owing to the felony of the same Jewess—And nineteen
 shillings and sixpence by the year out of the houses which belonged to

de domibus que fuerunt Belasset de Walyngford Judee dampnate que sunt Escaete nostre per feloniam eiusdem Judee Et xld. per annum de domibus que fuerunt Walteri Graunt Et ijs. per annum de vno tofto quod Athelina la Parchemenere tenuit in Ciuitate Lincolnie Et vs. iiijd. per annum de Maiore et Ciuibus Lincolnie de redditu domorum que fuerunt Walteri le Graunt et vnus tofti quod Athelina Parchemenere tenuit in Ciuitate Lincolnie aut aliter vs. iiijd. per annum de Maiore et Ciuibus Lincolnie de redditu domorum que fuerunt Walteri le Graunt et vnus tofti quod Athelina Parchemenere tenuit in Ciuitate Lincolnie Et xijjs. iiijd. per annum de Priore et Conuentu Sancte Katerine extra Lincolniam de firma illius mesuagij cum pertinentiis in comitatu Lincolnie quod fuit Hagini filii Benedicti Judei de Lincolnia et quod per exilium eiusdem Benedicti in manu nostra existit aut aliter xijjs. iiijd. per annum de Priore et Conuentu Sancte Katerine extra Lincolniam et successoribus suis de firma illius domus que fuit Hagini filii Benedicti Judei de Lincolnia aut aliter j marca per annum de Priore et Conuentu Sancte Katerine extra Lincolniam et successoribus suis de firma illius domus que fuit Agini filii Benedicti Judei de Lincolnia aut aliter j marca per annum de Priore et Con-

Belasset of Wallingford the Jewess who was condemned, and which are our escheats owing to the felony of the same Jewess—And forty pence by the year out of the houses which belonged to Walter Graunt—And two shillings by the year out of a toft which Athelina the Parchemenere held in the city of Lincoln—and five shillings and four pence by the year from the mayor and citizens of Lincoln from the rent of the houses which belonged to Walter Le Graunt and of one toft which Athelina Parchemenere held in the city of Lincoln or otherwise—five shillings and fourpence by the year from the mayor and citizens of Lincoln from the rent of the houses which belonged to Walter Le Graunt and of one toft which Athelina Parchemenere held in the city of Lincoln—And thirteen shillings and four pence by the year from the prior and convent of Saint Katherine without Lincoln from the farm of that messuage with the appurtenances in the county of Lincoln which belonged to Hagin, son of Benedict, the Jew, of Lincoln, and which by reason of the exile of the same Benedict stands in our hand or otherwise—thirteen shillings and four pence by the year from the prior and convent of Saint Katherine without Lincoln and their successors from the farm of that house which belonged to Hagin, son of Benedict, the Jew, of Lincoln, or otherwise—one mark by the year from the prior and convent of Saint Katherine without Lincoln and their successors from the farm of that house which belonged to Agin, son of Benedict, the Jew, of Lincoln, or otherwise—one mark by the year from the

uentu Sancte Katerine Lincolnie extra Lincolniam et successoribus suis de firma illius domus quo fuit Agni filii Benedicti Judei de Lincolnia Et *xs.* per annum de Roberto filio Yweyne de firma vnus mesuagij aut aliter *xs.* per annum de Matildi de Londonia et Thoma filio de firma vnus mesuagij quod fuit Roberti filio Ywaine seu aliter *xs.* per annum de Matildi de Londonia et Thoma filio eius per annum de firma vnus mesuagij quod fuit Roberti filii Jwain Et *ijd.* per annum de Balliuis Ciuitatis Lincolnie ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Johanne Bere de Lincolnia de domibus illis in Lincolnia que fuerunt Jacobi Leui Judei in parochia Sancti Benedicti Et *ijd.* per annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Willelmo Game le Cordewaner de domibus illis in Lincolnia que fuerunt Florie de Londonia Judee Lincolnie in parochia Sancti Martini Et *jd.* per annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Waltero Beke de Lincolnia de domibus illis in Lincolnia que fuerunt Jude Judei in Ballio Lincolnie Et *jd.* per annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Simone le Floure de Lincolnia de domibus illis in Lincolnia que fuerunt Florie de Lincolnia Judei in parochia Sancti Cutberti Et *ijd.* per annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Roberto Venoure de domibus illis in

prior and convent of Saint Katherine of Lincoln without Lincoln and their successors from the farm of that house which belonged to Agnus, son of Benedict, the Jew, of Lincoln—And ten shillings by the year from Robert, son of Yweyn, from the farm of one messuage or otherwise—ten shillings by the year from Matildis of London and Thomas her son from the farm of one messuage which belonged to Robert, son of Ywain, or otherwise—ten shillings by the year from Matildis of London and Thomas her son by the year from the farm of one messuage which belonged to Robert, son of Ywain—And two pence by the year from the bailiffs of the city of Lincoln at the exchequer of Saint Michael from John Bere of Lincoln out of those houses in Lincoln which belonged to Jacob Levi the Jew in the parish of Saint Benedict—And two pence by the year at the exchequer of Saint Michael from William Game the cordwainer out of those houses in Lincoln which belonged to Floria of London, the Jewess of Lincoln, in the parish of Saint Martin—And one penny by the year at the exchequer of Saint Michael from Walter Beke of Lincoln out of those houses in Lincoln which belonged to Judas the Jew in the bail of Lincoln—And one penny by the year at the exchequer of Saint Michael from Simon le Floure of Lincoln out of those houses in Lincoln which belonged to Floria of Lincoln the Jew[ess] in the parish of Saint Cuthbert—And two pence by the year at the exchequer of Saint Michael from Robert

Lincolnia que fuerunt Benedicti Le Counte Judei in parochia Sancti Johannis que dicitur la poure in predicta Ciuitate Et *jd.* per annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Petro de Coleby de Lincolnia de domibus illis in Lincolnia que fuerunt Jacobi Brauncegate Judei in parochia Sancti Georgij Et *ijd.* per annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Adam filio Martini de Lincolnia de domibus illis in Lincolnia que fuerunt Jocei Gabias Judei in parochia Sancti Michaelis super Collem Et *jd.* per annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Johanne de Norwico de Lincolnia et Matildi vxore eius de domibus illis in Lincolnia que fuerunt Manseri de Bradeworth cum quadam vacua placea contigua domui predicte in parochia Sancti Georgij Et *ijd.* per annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Alexandro filio Johanne filie Martini de Lincolnia de domibus illis in Lincolnia que fuerunt Salomonis de Londonia Judei in parochia Sancti Martini Et *ijjd.* per annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Waltero de Gloucestria de Lincolnia de domibus illis in Lincolnia que fuerunt Manseri de Bradeworth Judei in parochia Sancti Georgij et de domibus illis que fuerunt Jocei de Colcestria Judei in eadem Ciuitate et eciam de domibus illis que fuerunt Benedicti de Londonia Judei in Brauncegate in eadem Ciuitate Et *xijd.* redditus prouenientis de domibus que fuerunt

Venoure out of those houses in Lincoln which belonged to Benedict Le Counte the Jew in the parish of Saint John which is called La Poure in the aforesaid city—And one penny by the year at the exchequer of Saint Michael from Peter de Coleby of Lincoln out of those houses in Lincoln which belonged to Jacob Brauncegate the Jew in the parish of Saint George—And two pence by the year at the exchequer of Saint Michael from Adam, son of Martin, of Lincoln out of those houses in Lincoln which belonged to Joce Gabias the Jew in the parish of Saint Michael on the Mount—And one penny by the year at the exchequer of Saint Michael from John of Norwich of Lincoln and Matildis his wife out of those houses in Lincoln which belonged to Manser de Bradeworth with a certain vacant place adjoining to the house aforesaid in the parish of St George—And two pence by the year at the exchequer of Saint Michael from Alexander, son of Joan, daughter of Martin of Lincoln out of those houses in Lincoln which belonged to Salomon of London the Jew in the parish of Saint Martin—and three pence by the year at the exchequer of Saint Michael from Walter of Gloucester of Lincoln out of those houses in Lincoln which belonged to Manser de Bradeworth the Jew in the parish of Saint George and out of those houses which belonged to Joce of Colchester the Jew in the same city, and also out of those houses which belonged to Benedict of London the Jew in Brauncegate in the same city—And twelve pence of rent arising out of the

Hagini Calf' Judei cum quadam parua vacua placea contigua eidem redditui in Ciuitate predicta Et *jd.* per annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Johanne filio Simonis le Pestoure de Lincolnia de domibus illis in Lincolnia que fuerunt Salomonis de Londonia Judei in Brauncegate Et *jd.* per annum ad Scaccarium Sancti Michaelis de Waltero de Carlio de Lincolnia de illis duabus solidatis redditus in Lincolnia que fuerunt Elie Gaboys Judei Lincolnie et de loco illo cum pertinenciis in eadem Ciuitate que fuit sepultura Judeorum aut aliter *xixd.* per annum de Balliuis Ciuitatis Lincolnie de redditu diuersorum Judeorum in Lincolnia aut aliter *xixd.* per annum de Balliuis Ciuitatis Lincolnie de redditu diuersarum domorum Judeorum in Lincolnia Et *ijs. iiijd.* per annum de Johanne de Blythe de Lincolnia de Custodia vnus mesuagij in suburbio Lincolnie quod fuit Johannis Blake de Lincolnia Et [quod] pro *lvijl. ix. s. ob. q^a.* quos nobis debet de precio lanarum suarum forinsecarum in manu nostra existit aut aliter *ijs. iiijd.* per annum de Johanne Blythe de Lincolnia de custodia vnus mesuagij in suburbio Lincolnie quod fuit Johannis Blake de Lincolnia et quod pro *lvijl. ix. s. ob. q^a.* quos nobis debet de precio lanarum suarum forinsecarum in manu nostra existit Et *ijs. iiijd.*

houses which belonged to Hagin Calf' the Jew with a certain small vacant place adjoining to the same rent in the city aforesaid—And one penny by the year at the exchequer of Saint Michael from John, son of Simon the Pestoure of Lincoln, out of those houses in Lincoln which belonged to Salomon of London the Jew in Brauncegate—And one penny by the year at the exchequer of Saint Michael from Walter of Carli[sle] of Lincoln out of those two shillings' worths of rent in Lincoln which belonged to Elias Gaboys the Jew of Lincoln, and out of that place with the appurtenances in the same city which was the burial-place of the Jews or otherwise—nineteen pence by the year from the bailiffs of the city of Lincoln out of the rent of divers Jews in Lincoln or otherwise—nineteen pence by the year from the bailiffs of the city of Lincoln out of the rent of divers houses of the Jews in Lincoln—And three shillings and four pence by the year from John of Blythe of Lincoln out of the custody of one messuage in the suburb of Lincoln which belonged to John Blake of Lincoln And which for fifty-seven pounds nine shillings and three farthings which he owes to us out of the price of his foreign wools stands in our hand or otherwise—three shillings and four pence by the year from John Blythe of Lincoln out of the custody of one messuage in the suburb of Lincoln which belonged to John Blake of Lincoln and which stands in our hand for fifty-seven pounds nine shillings and three farthings which he owes to us out of the price of his foreign wools—And two shillings and four pence by the year from

per annum de Roberto Shirwode de custodia vnus placee terre cum quadam parte cuiusdam domus in suburbio Lincolnie manu nostra existentis ratione transgressionis quam Abbas de Valle Dei inde fecit acquirendo eam sibi et domui sui sine licencia regia Necnon vnus Shope in parochia Sancti Michaelis que fuit Reginaldi Host et que in manu nostra existit pro eo quod idem Reginaldus qui eam tenuit de Henrico nuper de facto et non de iure¹ Rege Anglie sexto in capite obiit sine herede de se aut aliter ijs. iiij*℥*. per annum de Roberto Shirwode de custodia vnus placee terre cum quadam parte cuiusdam domus in suburbio Lincolnie in manu nostra existentis ratione transgressionis quam Abbas de Valle Dei inde fecit acquirendo eam sibi et domui sue sine licencia regia necnon vnus shope in parochia Sancti Michaelis que fuit Reginaldi Hoste et que in manu nostra existit pro eo quod idem Reginaldus qui eam tenuit de ipso nuper vt premittitur Rege Henrico sexto in capite obiit sine herede et iij*℥*. per annum de Hamone Suttone filio et herede Roberti Suttone de Lincolnia de iij mesuagiis cum pertinenciis in parochia Sancti Andree in suburbio Lincolnie que de nobis tenentur in capite vt in libero Burgagio vocato landtolpenys aut aliter iij*℥*. per annum de Hamone Suttone filio et

Robert Shirwode out of the custody of a place of land with a certain part of a certain house in the suburb of Lincoln standing in our hand by reason of the trespass which the abbot of Vallis Dei made thereat by acquiring it for himself and his house without royal licence. Moreover one shop in the parish of Saint Michael which belonged to Reginald Host and which stands in our hand because the same Reginald who held it of Henry late in fact and not by right King of England the Sixth in chief died without heir of himself or otherwise—two shillings and four pence by the year from Robert Shirwode out of the custody of a place of land with a certain part of a certain house in the suburb of Lincoln standing in our hand by reason of the trespass which the abbot of Vallis Dei made thereat by acquiring it for himself and his house without royal licence, also of a shop in the parish of Saint Michael which belonged to Reginald Host and which stands in our hand because the same Reginald who held it of him the late King Henry the Sixth as is aforementioned in chief died without heir—And three pence by the year from Hamo Suttone, son and heir of Robert Suttone of Lincoln, out of three mesuages with the appurtenances in the parish of Saint Andrew in the suburb of Lincoln which are held of us in chief as in free burgage called landtolpenys or otherwise—three pence by the year from Hamo Suttone, son and heir

¹ *de facto et non de iure* omitted in the *Inspeximus* of 7 Hen. VIII.

herede Roberti Suttone de Lincolnia de tribus mesuagiis cum pertinenciis in parochia Sancti Andree in suburbio Lincolnie Ac insuper cum vno mesuagio infra Ciuitatem et suburbium Lincolnie in parochia Sancti Augustini in Beggersholme quod quondam fuit Johannis de Harwode de Lincolnia Cordewaner vtlagati die Martis proxime post festum translacionis Sancti Edwardi Regis et Martiris anno regni Domini Ricardi nuper Regis Anglie secundi progenitoris nostri quinto-decimo in Londonia ad sectam Willelmi de Marn' de Canwyk de placito debiti quod ad *vjd.* extendebatur per annum Necnon quoddam aliud mesuagium debile et ruinosum in parochia Sancti Georgii infra Ciuitatem predictam quod fuit eiusdem Johannis Harewode vtlagati in forma predicta et quod ad *vjd.* extendebatur per annum in manus ipsius nuper Regis Ricardi secundi capta fuerunt et seisita et in manibus suis Necnon in manibus Henrici quarti Henrici quinti et Henrici sexti nuper de facto et non de iure¹ Regum Anglie extiterint et in manibus nostris adhuc remanerent Ac cum una selda in parochia Sancti Martini de Dernestall' cum pertinenciis in Lincolnia que quondam fuit Johannis de Kel vtlagati die lune in festo Appostolorum Simonis et Jude anno regni Domini Edwardi nuper Regis Anglie

of Robert Suttone of Lincoln, out of three messuages with the appurtenances in the parish of Saint Andrew in the suburb of Lincoln, And moreover whereas a messuage within the city and suburb of Lincoln in the parish of Saint Augustine in Beggersholme which formerly belonged to John de Harwode of Lincoln cordwainer outlawed on Tuesday next after the feast of the translation of Saint Edward the king and martyr in the fifteenth year of the reign of the Lord Richard late King of England the Second our progenitor in London at the suit of William de Marne of Canwyk concerning a plea of debt, which was extended to sixpence by the year, also a certain other weak and ruinous messuage in the parish of Saint George within the city aforesaid which belonged to the same John Harewode outlawed in the manner aforesaid and which was extended to sixpence by the year were taken into the hands of him the late King Richard the Second and seised and stood in his hands, also in the hands of Henry the Fourth, Henry the Fifth and Henry the Sixth, late in fact and not of right Kings of England and yet have remained in our hands— And whereas one stall in the parish of Saint Martin of Dernestall with the appurtenances in Lincoln which formerly belonged to John de Kel outlawed on Monday the feast day of the apostles Simon and Jude in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of the Lord Edward late King of England the Third our pro-

¹ *de facto et non de iure* omitted in the Insuperimus of 7 Hen. VIII.

tercij progenitoris nostri xxv^{to} ad ijs. extendebatur per annum in manus ipsius nuper Regis Edwardi terciij capta fuit et seisita in manibus nostris ea de causa adhuc remanet Nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris concessimus prefatis nunc Maiori et Ciuibus Ciuitatis Lincolnie ac Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati Ciuitatis predictae heredibus et successoribus suis imperpetuum omnes et singulas firmas et summas annuas supradictas Necnon omnia et singula terras tenementa redditus firmas domos et purpresturas supradicta quibuscunque nominibus siue titulis exigantur aut appellentur seu quocunque nomine siue titulo aliquod eorum exigatur aut appelletur postquam ad manus nostras seu progenitorum nostrorum aut aliorum nuper Regum Anglie aliqua causa deuenerunt seu eorum aliquod deuenit Habendum tenendum percipiendum et leuandum omnia et singula firmas redditus et summas supradictas per ipsos Maiorem et Ciues aut per Balliuos et Ministros suos ad eorum vsum et proficuum Necnon omnia et singula terras tenementa redditus firmas domos et purpresturas supradicta cum pertinenciis quibuscunque nominibus siue titulis exiguntur seu quocunque nomine siue titulo aliquod eorum exigatur appelletur aut nuncupetur prefatis Maiori et Ciuibus heredibus et successoribus suis imperpetuum absque calumpnia vel impetitione nostri heredum aut successorum nostrorum

genitor and which was extended to two shillings by the year, was taken into the hands of him the late King Edward the Third and seised and remains yet in our hands for that reason: We of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion have granted to the abovesaid present mayor and citizens of the city of Lincoln and to the mayor, sheriffs and commonalty of the city aforesaid, their heirs and successors for ever all and singular the farms and annual sums abovesaid Also all and singular the lands, tenements, rents, farms, houses and purprestures abovesaid by whatsoever names or titles they may be demanded or called or by whatsoever name or title any one of them may be demanded or called after that they descended or any one thereof descended on account of any cause to the hands of us or our progenitors or others late Kings of England To have, to hold, to receive and to levy all and singular the farms, rents and sums abovesaid by them the mayor and citizens or by their bailiffs and ministers to their use and profit Also all and singular the lands, tenements, rents, farms, houses and purprestures abovesaid with the appurtenances by whatsoever names or titles they be demanded or by whatsoever name or title any one of them be demanded, called or named to the abovesaid mayor and citizens, their heirs and successors for ever without challenge or impeachment of us our heirs or successors, justices, escheators,

Justiciariorum Escaetorum Coronatorum aut aliorum Officiariorum vel Ministrorum nostrorum heredum aut successorum nostrorum quorumcunque Et vltorius de vberiori gratia nostra speciali concessimus eisdem nunc Maiori et Ciuibus Ciuitatis predictae ac eisdem Maiori Vicecomitibus et Communitati Ciuitatis predictae et successoribus suis predictis quod ipsi heredes et successores sui predicti imperpetuum habeant omnimoda bona et catalla omnium hominum Ciuium Ciuitatis predictae et tenencium infra Ciuitatem predictam suburbia et procinctum eiusdem ac in Villis et Villatis predictis dicto Comitatu Ciuitatis predictae vt predictur vnitis et annexis integre tenencium et non integre tenencium residencium et non residencium ac aliorum residencium quorumcunque infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum villas et villatas predictas pro prodicione feloniam contemptu transgressionem debito compoto vel alia occasione seu causa quacunque tam ad sectam nostram heredum vel successorum nostrorum quam ad sectam alterius cuiuscunque dampnatorum et dampnandorum conuictorum et conuincendorum vtlagatorum siue wannatorum et vtlagandorum et wannandorum siue in exigendo pro feloniam vel aliter quouis modo positorum et ponendorum Aceciam fugitivorum et felonum de se attinctorum ac omnia bona et catalla omnium huiusmodi hominum Ciuium et tenencium residencium et non

coroners or others the officers or ministers of us our heirs or successors whomsoever.

And further of our more abundant especial grace we have granted to the same present mayor and citizens of the city aforesaid and to the same mayor, sheriffs and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors aforesaid, that they their heirs and successors aforesaid for ever have all manner of the goods and chattels of all men the citizens of the city aforesaid and tenants within the city aforesaid the suburbs and precinct thereof and in the towns and townships aforesaid to the said county of the city aforesaid as is aforesaid united and annexed, wholly tenants and not wholly tenants, residents and not residents and of other residents whomsoever within the city, suburbs and precinct, towns and townships aforesaid for treason, felony, contempt, trespass, debt, accompt or other occasion or cause whatsoever as well at the suit of us, our heirs or successors as at the suit of any other person whomsoever of those condemned and to be condemned, convicted and to be convicted, outlawed or banished and to be outlawed and banished or put and to be put in exigent for felony or otherwise in any manner whatsoever and also of fugitives and those attainted of felo de se and all the goods and chattels of all such manner of men, the citizens and tenants, residents and not residents and of

residencium ac aliorum huiusmodi residencium quorumcunque tam confiscata quam confiscanda forisfacta et forisfacienda disaduocata et disaduocanda siue sit coram nobis vel heredibus aut successoribus nostris aut coram Justiciariis nostris heredum vel successorum nostrorum ad placita coram nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris tenendum assignandis vel coram Justiciariis nostris heredum vel successorum nostrorum de Banco vel coram nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris in Cancellaria nostra heredum vel successorum nostrorum aut coram Thesaurario et Baronibus vel coram Baronibus de Scaccario nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum vel coram Senescallo et Marescallo aut clerico mercati Hospicij nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum aut coram Justiciariis nostris heredum vel successorum nostrorum itinerantibus ad communia placita placita corone vel ad placita foreste vel coram Justiciariis nostris heredum vel successorum nostrorum ad prodiciones felonias transgressionis vel alias res quascunque tam ad sectam nostram heredum vel successorum nostrorum quam aliorum quorumcunque vel alterius cuiuscunque audiendum et terminandum assignatis et assignandis vel coram Justiciariis nostris heredum vel successorum nostrorum ad assisas iuratas et certificationes aut alias inquisitiones quascunque capiendum vel gaolas deliberandum assignatis vel assignandis vel coram custodibus pacis nostre heredum vel successorum nostrorum vel coram

others such residents whomsoever, confiscated as well as to be confiscated, forfeited and to be forfeited, disavowed and to be disavowed, whether it be before us or our heirs or successors or before the justices of us our heirs or successors to be assigned to holding pleas before us our heirs or successors or before the justices of us our heirs or successors of the bench or before us our heirs or successors in the chancery of us our heirs or successors or before the treasurer and barons or before the barons of the exchequer of us our heirs or successors or before the steward and marshal or clerk of the market of the household of us our heirs or successors, or before the justices of us our heirs or successors in eyre for common pleas, pleas of the crown or for pleas of the forest, or before the justices of us our heirs or successors assigned and to be assigned to hear and determine treasons, felonies, trespasses or other matters whatsoever as well at the suit of us our heirs or successors as of others whomsoever or any one other whomsoever, or before the justices of us our heirs or successors assigned or to be assigned to take assizes, juries and certificates or other inquisitions whatsoever or to gaol deliveries, or before the keepers of the peace of us our heirs or successors, or before the justices of

Justiciariis nostris heredum vel successorum nostrorum ad statuta et ordinationes de artificibus laboratoribus seruientibus et vitellariis Aceciam de ponderibus et mensuris conseruandum assignatis et assignandis vel coram quibuscunque officiariis et Ministris nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum assignatis et assignandis tam in presencia nostra heredum et successorum nostrorum quam in absencia nostra heredum et successorum nostrorum et in omnibus aliis Curii locis et plateis quibuscunque seu aliter quouismodo perdita forisfacta forisfacienda confiscata confiscanda disadvocata aut disadvocanda Et quod bene liceat dictis nunc Maiori et Ciuibus heredibus et successoribus suis per se aut seruientes seu Ministros suos absque impedimento nostri aut heredum vel successorum nostrorum aut aliquorum Justiciariorum Vicecomitum Escaetorum Coronatorum Admirallorum Maiorum Balliuorum Constabulariorum vel[1] aliorum Ministrorum nostrorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunque ponere se in seisinam de dictis bonis et catallis vbicunque inventa fuerint in omnibus et singulis casibus supradictis et eciam bona et catalla illa ad opus et proficuum ipsorum Maioris et Ciuium heredum et successorum suorum retinere licet dicti homines et tenentes tam residentes quam non residentes ac alij residentes huiusmodi quicunque de nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris vel aliqua alia vel aliquibus aliis

us our heirs or successors assigned and to be assigned to keep the statutes and ordinances of artificers, labourers, servants and victuallers and also of weights and measures, or before any whomsoever the officers and ministers of us our heirs and successors assigned and to be assigned as well in the presence of us our heirs and successors as in the absence of us our heirs and successors and in all other courts, places and localities whatsoever or otherwise in any way whatever [to determine matters] lost, forfeited, to be forfeited, confiscated, to be confiscated, disavowed or to be disavowed. And that it may be well lawful to the said present mayor and citizens, their heirs and successors, by themselves or their servants or ministers without hindrance of us or our heirs or successors or any justices, sheriffs, escheators, coroners, admirals, mayors, bailiffs, constables or other ministers of us our heirs or successors whomsoever to put themselves into seisin of the said goods and chattels wheresoever they shall have been found in all and singular the cases abovesaid, and also to retain those goods and chattels to the use and profit of them the mayor and citizens, their heirs and successors, although the said men and tenants as well resident as not resident and others the residents of this sort whoever they be shall have held, one or more, of us our heirs or successors or of any other

persona vel personis alibi tenuerint vel eorum aliquis tenuerit Et licet huiusmodi homines et tenentes et residentes vel non residentes seu alij quicunque residentes Vicecomites Balliui vel Ministri nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum aut dictorum Maioris et Ciuium heredum vel successorum suorum vel alicuius alterius persone existant vel eorum aliquis existat Et quod ijdem Maior et Ciues heredes et successores sui predicti imperpetuum habeant thesaurum inventum wayf et Strayf infra dictum Comitatum Ciuitatis predictae ac omnes fines et redempciones pro transgressionibus oppressionibus extorcioni-
bus decepcionibus conspiracionibus contemptibus et concealamentis regratariis et forstallariis manutenenciis ambidextris falsitatibus escapiis felonum ac mesprisionibus quibuscunque et omnes fines pro licencia concordandi necnon omnimoda amerciamenta exitus forisfactos et forisfiendos et omnimodas forisfacturas pannorum vinorum et aliarum rerum quarumcunque forisfacta et forisfacienda et perdita quecunque infra dictum Comitatum Ciuitatis predictae annum diem streppum vastum et deodanda ac omnia alia que ad nos heredes et successores nostros pertinere poterint vel debuerint tam de dictis anno die vasto et streppo quam de murdris et escapiis felonum rap-
tibus mulierum et feloniis et contemptibus quibuscunque de dictis omnibus hominibus Ciuibus et tenentibus infra Ciuitatem procinctum et suburbia eiusdem Ciuitatis ac infra villas et villatas predictas tam

person or any other persons elsewhere. And although such manner of men and tenants and residents or not residents or other residents whosoever are, or any of them be, sheriffs, bailiffs or ministers of us our heirs or successors or of the said mayor and citizens, their heirs or successors, or of any other person. And that the same mayor and citizens their heirs and successors aforesaid for ever have treasure trove waif and estray within the said county of the city aforesaid and all fines and redemptions for trespasses, oppressions, extortions, deceptions, conspiracies, contempts and concealments, regratings and forestallings, main-
tenances, taking of bribes from suitors on each side, falsities, escapes of felons and misprisions whatsoever, and all fines for licence of agreement, also all manner of amercements, issues forfeited and to be forfeited and all manner of forfeitures of cloths, wines and other things whatsoever forfeited and to be forfeited and lost whatsoever within the said county of the city aforesaid, year and a day, estrip, waste and deodands and all other things which could or ought to belong to us our heirs and successors, as well concerning the said year and a day, waste and estrip, as concerning murders and escapes of felons, rapes of women and felonies and contempts whatsoever of the said all the men, citizens and tenants within the city precinct and suburbs thereof, and within the towns and town-

residentibus quam non residentibus et aliis residentibus quibuscunque predictis infra Ciuitatem suburbia procinctum ejusdem Villas et Villatas predictas in quibuscunque Curiis nostris heredum vel successorum nostrorum tam videlicet coram nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris et coram nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in Cancellaria nostra heredum et successorum nostrorum et coram nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris vbicunque fuerimus in Anglia Necnon coram Thesaurario et Baronibus ac coram Baronibus de Scaccario nostro heredum et successorum nostrorum ac Justiciariis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum ad placita coram nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris tenendum assignatis et assignandis et coram Justiciariis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum de Banco ac coram Senescallo et Marescallo ac clerico mercati hospicii nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum ac coram Justiciariis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum itinerantibus ad communia placita et ad placita corone et ad placita foreste Ac coram Justiciariis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum ad felonias prodiciones transgressiones oppressiones excessus et ad alia grauamina et alia malefacta tam ad sectam nostram heredum et successorum nostrorum quam aliorum quorumcunque vel alterius cuiuscunque audiendum et terminandum assignatis et assignandis et coram Justiciariis nostris heredum et

ships aforesaid as well residents as not residents and other the residents whomsoever aforesaid within the city, suburbs, precinct thereof, towns and townships aforesaid in any whatever courts of us our heirs or successors as well, that is to say before us our heirs and successors and before us our heirs and successors in the chancery of us our heirs and successors and before us our heirs and successors wheresoever we shall be in England Also before the treasurer and barons and before the barons of the exchequer of us our heirs and successors and the justices of us our heirs and successors assigned and to be assigned for holding pleas before us our heirs and successors and before the justices of us our heirs and successors of the bench and before the steward and marshal and clerk of the market of the household of us our heirs and successors and before the justices of us our heirs and successors in eyre for common pleas and for pleas of the crown and for pleas of the forest And before the justices of us our heirs and successors assigned and to be assigned to hear and determine felonies, treasons, trespasses, oppressions, excesses and for other complaints and other offences as well at the suit of us our heirs and successors as of others whomsoever or of any other one whomsoever, and before the justices of us our heirs and successors assigned and to be assigned

successorum nostrorum ad assisas iuratas certificaciones et quascunque alias inquisitiones capiendum vel gaolas deliberandum assignatis et assignandis ac coram Custodibus pacis nostre heredum et successorum nostrorum et coram Justiciariis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum ad statuta et ordinaciones de artificibus laboratoribus seruientibus vitellariis ac de ponderibus et mensuris conseruandum assignatis et assignandis ac coram Admirallo nostro heredum et successorum nostrorum assignato et assignando ac coram quibuscunque aliis Justiciariis Officiariis et Ministris nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum tam in presencia nostra heredum et successorum nostrorum quam in absencia nostra heredum et successorum nostrorum ubi ipsos homines Ciues tenentes et residentes vel non residentes et alios residentes predictos fines facere amerciari vel amerciatos esse exitus forisfacere seu annum diem vastum streppum forisfacturas deodanda murdra aut felonias huiusmodi adiudicari contigerit infuturum que fines amerciamenta exitus forisfacta deperdita redempciones annos dies vastum streppum forisfacturas deodanda thesaurum inventum wayf et Strayf ad nos et heredes nostros pertinere possent et deberent si ipsis Maiori et Ciuibus heredibus et successoribus suis concessa non fuissent Et quod bene liceat ipsis Maiori et Ciuibus heredibus et successoribus suis omnia predicta fines et amerciamenta exitus re-

for taking assizes, juries, certificates and any whatever other inquisitions or for delivery of gaols, and before the keepers of the peace of us our heirs and successors and before the justices of us our heirs and successors assigned and to be assigned for preserving the statutes and ordinances of artificers, labourers, servants [and] victuallers and of weights and measures, and before the admiral of us our heirs and successors assigned and to be assigned, and before any whomsoever other justices, officers and ministers of us our heirs and successors as well in the presence of us our heirs and successors as in the absence of us our heirs and successors where in the future it shall have happened that those men, citizens, tenants and residents or not residents and other residents aforesaid be adjudged to pay fines to be amerced or to be in amercement, to forfeit issues or year and a day, waste, estrip, forfeitures, deodands, murders or felonies after such manner, which fines, amercements, issues, forfeits, losses, redemptions, years and days, waste, estrip, forfeits, deodands, treasure trove, waifs and estrays could and ought to appertain to us and our heirs if they had not been granted to them the mayor and citizens their heirs and successors. And that it be well lawful to them the mayor and citizens, their heirs and successors by themselves and their bailiffs and ministers to levy, collect, receive and have all the aforesaid fines and

dempcionēs et forisfacturas deperdita deodanda thesa[u]rum inventum wayf et Strayf et omnia que ad nos heredes et successores nostros de dictis anno die vasto streppo murdris et feloniis pertinere possent per ipsos ac Balliuos et Ministros suos leuare colligere percipere et habere et se ipsos in seisinam inde ponere absque calumpnia impetitione vel impedimento nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum Justiciariorum Escaetorum Vicecomitum Coronatorum Admirallorum Maiorum Balliuorum Constabulariorum seu aliorum officiariorum vel Ministrorum nostrorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quorum-
cunque licet huiusmodi homines Ciues et tenentes residentes vel non residentes seu alii residentes quicunque infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum eiusdem Ciuitatis Ac Villas et Villatas predictas de nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris de aliqua alia persona vel personis alibi tenuerint vel eorum aliquis tenuerit licet eciam ijdem homines Ciues et tenentes residentes vel non residentes vel alij residentes predicti Vicecomites Escaetores Coronatores aut Balliui vel Ministri nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum aut dictorum Maiorum et Ciuium heredum vel successorum aut alicuius alterius persone existant vel aliorum aliquis existat licet eciam plegios seu manucaptores dictorum hominum et tenencium residencium vel non residencium aut aliorum residencium predictorum vel alicuius eorum de nobis heredibus

amercements, issues, redemptions and forfeitures, things lost, deodands, treasure trove, waifs and estrays and all things which could appertain to us our heirs and successors concerning the said year and a day, waste, estrip, murders and felonies, and to put themselves in seisin thereof without challenge, impeachment or hindrance of us our heirs or successors, the justices, escheators, sheriffs, coroners, admirals, mayors, bailiffs, constables or others the officers or ministers whomsoever of us our heirs or successors although such manner of men, citizens and tenants resident or not resident or other residents whosoever, shall have held or any one of them shall have held within the city, suburbs and precinct of the same city and the towns and townships aforesaid of us our heirs or successors [or] of any other person or persons elsewhere Also, although the same men citizens and tenants resident or not resident or other residents aforesaid are sheriffs, escheators, coroners or bailiffs or ministers of us our heirs or successors or of the said mayors and citizens their heirs or successors or of any other person, one or more. Also, although they shall have held, or any of them shall have held sureties or manucaptors of the said men and tenants, residents or not residents or other residents aforesaid or of any one of them of us our heirs or successors or of

vel successoribus nostris vel aliqua alia seu aliquibus aliis persona vel personis alibi tenuerint vel eorum aliquis tenuerit vel residentes seu non residentes residens aut non residens infra Ciuitatem suburbia et procinctum eiusdem existant seu aliquis eorum existat Volumus eciam et pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus quod ijdem Maior et Ciues heredes et successores sui omnia et singula libertates privilegia immunitates franchises consuetudines allocaciones et quietancias predecessorum suis vel eis et successoribus suis tam per cartas siue litteras patentes progenitorum et predecessorum nostrorum quondam Regum Anglie quam nostras quascunque qualitercumque concessas habeant et teneant ac eisdem plene gaudeant et vtantur iuxta tenorem vim et effectum cartarum et litterarum illarum vnacum omnibus aliis et singulis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus per ipsos Maiorem Ciues et predecessores suos ab antiquo rationabiliter habitis et vsitatis Volumus insuper et concedimus quod licet predicti Maior et Ciues heredes et successores sui vel eorum aliquis processu temporis futuri libertatibus et priuilegiis immunitatibus franchises quietanciis et liberis consuetudinibus predictis vel eorum aliquo vsi non fuerint infuturum ijdem tamen Maior et Ciues heredes et successores sui libertatibus priuilegiis immunitatibus franchises quiet-

any other person or persons one or more elsewhere or be, or any one of them be, residents or not residents, resident or not resident within the city, suburbs and precinct thereof.

We will also and for ourselves our heirs and successors grant that the same mayor and citizens, their heirs and successors have and hold all and singular the liberties, privileges, immunities, franchises, customs, allowances and quit-tances granted in any way whatever to their predecessors or to them and their successors as well by any whatsoever charters or letters patent of our progenitors and predecessors formerly kings of England as of us, and fully enjoy and use the same in accordance with the tenour, force and effect of those charters and letters together with all other and singular liberties and free customs of old time reasonably had and used by them the mayor, citizens and their predecessors.

Moreover, we will and grant that although the aforesaid mayor and citizens, their heirs and successors or any one of them in process of time to come shall not have used the liberties and privileges, immunities, franchises, quittances and free customs aforesaid or any one of them, in the future nevertheless the same mayor and citizens their heirs and successors may fully and wholly enjoy and use for ever those liberties, privileges, immunities, franchises,

tanciis et liberis consuetudinibus illis et eorum quolibet plene et integre gaudeant et vtantur imperpetuum absque molestacione impedimento vel inquietacione nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum Justiciariorum Escaetorum Vicecomitum aut aliorum Balliuorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum vel heredum nostrorum quorumcunque eo quod nec in presenti carta nostra nec in supplicacione petitione siue billa nobis pro premissis aut aliquibus eorum concedendis ex parte ipsorum Maioris Communitatis et Ciuium exhibita expressa mencio de vero valore annuo nec aliquo alio valore predictarum libertatum franchisesiarum et privilegiorum et ceterorum premissorum per nos superius concessorum nec de aliis donis concessionibus et perdonacionibus per nos prefatis Maiori et Ciuibus aut predecessoribus suis ante hec tempora factis facta non existit aut quibuscunque statutis ordinacionibus prouisionibus restriccionibus aut actibus ante hec tempora factis editis seu prouisis seu eo quod minime informamur aut aliis materiis causis mesprisionibus ambiguitatibus dubitacionibus difficultatibus vel rebus quibuscunque in hac parte habitis vel habendis in aliquo non obstantibus Et vltcrius concessimus eisdem Maiori Vicecomitibus et Ciuibus omnes et omnimodas escaetas et escaetrias tam bonorum catallorum terrarum et tenementorum infra libertatem et procinctum

quittances and free customs and any one whatever of them without molestation, hindrance or troubling of us our heirs or successors, the justices, escheators, sheriffs or others the bailiffs or ministers whomsoever of us or our heirs, notwithstanding that neither in the present our charter nor in the supplication, petition or bill exhibited to us for granting the premises or any of them on behalf of them the mayor, commonalty and citizens there is no express mention made of the true yearly value nor of any other value of the aforesaid liberties, franchises and privileges and the rest of the premises by us above granted nor of other the gifts, grants and pardons made by us to the abovesaid mayor and citizens or their predecessors before these times, or notwithstanding any whatever statutes, ordinances, provisions, restrictions or acts before these times made, published or provided, or notwithstanding that we are not informed thereof, or notwithstanding other matters, causes, misprisions, ambiguities, doubts, difficulties or any whatever things in this behalf had or to be had in any way.

And furthermore we have granted to the same mayor, sheriffs and citizens all and all manner of escheats and escheatrics as well of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements within the liberty and precinct aforesaid of the county

predictos Comitatus predicti qualitercunque exnunc imperpetuum contingentes emergentes siue prouenientes ratione quacunque ac omnia exitus proficua reuenciones et depariorum summas de aut in officio escaetrie infra Comitatum predictum aut de huiusmodi escaetis seu escaetris imposterum nobis aut heredibus nostris debendas crescentes siue prouenientes Habendum gaudendum tenendum et percipiendum prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus et Ciuibus heredibus et successoribus suis imperpetuum et quod bene liceat eisdem Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus heredibus et successoribus suis omnia eadem escaetas et escaetrias exitus proficua et reuenciones illa occupare habere tenere percipere et leuare ad vsum suum proprium absque compoto seu aliquo alio nobis aut heredibus nostris inde quouismodo reddendo seu soluendo absque fine et feodo nobis in hac parte soluendo In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium quintodecimo die Februarij anno regni nostri quinto.

1. Nos autem litteras predictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus approbamus ac Dilectis nobis nunc Maiori Vicecomitibus et Ciuibus Ciuitatis predictae et eorum successoribus

aforesaid in any manner whatsoever from henceforward for ever happening, arising or forthcoming for any reason whatever, and all the issues, profits, revenues and sums of money from or in the office of the escheatry within the county aforesaid or from such manner of escheats or escheatrics from henceforth due, growing or forthcoming to us or our heirs. To have, enjoy, hold and receive to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs and citizens, their heirs and successors for ever, and that it be well lawful to the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens, their heirs and successors to occupy, have, hold, receive and levy to their own proper use all these same escheats and escheatrics, issues, profits and revenues without yielding or paying in any way whatever accompt thereof on any other thing to us or our heirs therefor without paying fine and fee to us in this behalf. In witness whereof these our letters we have caused to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the fifteenth day of February in the fifth year of our reign.

1. We therefore having ratified and gratified the letters aforesaid and all and singular the things therein contained accept, approve and to our beloved the present mayor, sheriffs and citizens of the city aforesaid and their successors

tenore presencium imperpetuum ratificamus et confirmamus prout littere predictae rationabiliter testantur. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium tricesimo die Nouembris anno regni nostri secundo.

pro uiginti et sex solidis et octo
denariis solutis in hanaperio.

Curteis.

Examinata per Willelmum Mor-
land et Johannem James Clericos.

Irrotulatur.

by tenour of the presents for ever ratify and confirm them for ourselves and our heirs as far as in us lies, just as the letters aforesaid reasonably bear witness. In witness whereof these our letters we have caused to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the thirtieth day of November in the second year of our reign.

For twenty-six shillings and eight
pence paid in to the hanaper.

Curteis.

Examined by William Morland and
John James, clerks.

It is enrolled.

CHARTER OF HENRY VIII.

[24 October, 7th year, 1515.]

1. HENRICUS Dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem.

Inspeximus litteras patentes Domini Henrici nuper Regis Anglie septimi patris nostri de confirmatione factas in hec verba.

2. Henricus Dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem.

Inspeximus litteras patentes Domini Edwardi nuper Regis Anglie quarti de confirmatione factas in hec verba.

3. Edwardus Dei gracia Rex Anglie [and so on, as in the Charter of King Edward the Fourth (with a few unimportant variations), 15 February, 5th year, ending] anno regni nostri quinto.

2. Inspeximus insuper quasdam alias litteras patentes ejusdem Domini Edwardi nuper Regis Anglie quarti eisdem Majori et Civibus Civitatis nostre Lincolnie factas in hec verba.

4. Edwardus Dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem.

1. HENRY by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland to all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

We have inspected the letters patent of the Lord Henry late King of England the Seventh our father of confirmation made in these words.

2. Henry by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland to all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

We have inspected the letters patent of the Lord Edward late King of England the Fourth of confirmation made in these words.

3. Edward by the grace of God King of England [and so on as in the Charter of King Edward the Fourth, with a few unimportant variations, 15 February, 5th year, ending] in the fifth year of our reign (see pp. 107—155).

2. We have moreover inspected certain other letters patent of the same Lord Edward late King of England the Fourth to the same mayor and citizens of our city of Lincoln made in these words.

4. Edward by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland to all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

Sciatis quod cum decimo septimo die Januarij anno regni nostri primo ad supplicacionem Willelmi Pymberton tunc Majoris Civitatis nostre Lincolnie ac Civium ejusdem Civitatis nobis suggerencium quod ipsi et predecessores sui tam per grandem et onerosam solutionem centum et quater viginti librarum quas ijdem tunc Major et Cives Civitatis predictæ et predecessores sui progenitoribus nostris Regibus Anglie ac predecessoribus nostris nuper Regibus Anglie annuatim pro feodi firma ejusdem civitatis a diu solvere consueverunt ac alia quam plura onera super Majorem et Cives predictos et predecessores suos ante ea tempora solvi imposita quam per ammocionem stapule que ibidem ab antiquo haberi solebat usque villam nostram de Sancto Botho aliaque plura mala lesiones dampna injurias et gravamina que predicti tunc Major et Cives et predecessores sui in civitate predicta ante ea tempora sustinuerunt in tantum depauperabantur quod eosdem tunc Majorem et Cives nisi eis ex munificencia nostra regia graciosius succurreretur civitatem illam deserere et illam omnino desolatam relinquere de necessario oporteret quasdam litteras nostras patentes de pardonacione nostra et exoneratione Majoris et Civium Civitatis predictæ de centum libris annuis parcella de feodi firma predicta et de concessione eis facta de omnibus terris tenementis

Know ye that whereas on the seventeenth day of January in the first year of our reign at the supplication of William Pymberton then mayor of our city of Lincoln and the citizens of the same city, explaining to us that they and their predecessors were so much impoverished as well by the great and burdensome payment of one hundred and fourscore pounds which the same then mayor and citizens of the city aforesaid and their predecessors for a long time past have been wont to pay to our progenitors Kings of England and our predecessors late Kings of England yearly for the fee-farm of the same city and other very many burdens charged upon the mayor and citizens aforesaid and their predecessors before those times to be paid, as by the amoval of the staple which used from old time to be held therein to our town of St Botolph and other many ills, losses, damages, injuries and hardships which the aforesaid then mayor and citizens and their predecessors sustained in the city aforesaid before those times, that the same then mayor and citizens would of necessity be obliged to desert that city and leave it wholly desolate unless it were more graciously assisted by our royal munificence, we caused to be made certain our letters patent of our pardon and exoneration of the mayor and citizens of the city aforesaid from the one hundred pounds yearly parcel of the fee-farm aforesaid and of the grant to them made of all

reducatibus possessionibus et serviciis in Ingham et Cotes juxta Ingham in Comitatu Lincolnensi que Edwardus Burton nuper Major Civitatis predictae et Cives ejusdem Civitatis nuper requisiverunt de Johanne Helwell nuper de Gunby in Comitatu Lincolnensi armigero prefato Willelmo tunc Majori et Civibus Civitatis predictae et successoribus suis fieri fecerimus que quidem littere certis de causis minus valide et insufficientes existunt ut dicitur, Nos de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris ac pro eo quod Jacobus Witton tunc Major Civitatis predictae et Cives ejusdem Civitatis litteras illas in Cancellariam nostram restituere cancellandas pardonavimus remisimus et relaxavimus et per presentes pardonus remittimus et relaxamus eisdem nunc Majori et Civibus Civitatis predictae ac nunc Majori Vicecomitibus et communitati Civitatis predictae et successoribus suis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est in relevamen eorundem Majoris et Civium Civitatis nostre predictae et successorum suorum tam centum marcas annuas parcelle dictae annue summe Centum et quater viginti librarum de feodi firma predicta De quibus centum marcis annuis Thomas Roos miles nuper Dominus Roos fuit seiscitus in dominico suo ut de feodo quarto die Marcij anno regni nostri primo annuatim percipiendis per manus Vicecomitum Civitatis predictae et que quidem Centum marce annue

the lands, tenements, rents, possessions and services in Ingham and Cotes next Ingham in the county of Lincoln which Edward Burton late mayor of the city aforesaid and the citizens of the same city lately acquired of John Helwell late of Gunby in the county of Lincoln Esquire, to the aforesaid William then mayor and the citizens of the city aforesaid and their successors, which letters indeed for certain causes are invalid and insufficient as is alleged. We, of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion and for that James Witton then mayor of the city aforesaid and the citizens of the same city have returned those letters into our chancery to be cancelled, have pardoned, remitted and released and by the presents pardon, remit and release to the same present mayor and citizens of the city aforesaid and to the present mayor, sheriffs and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors for ourselves and our heirs as much as in us lies by way of relief of the same mayor and citizens of our city aforesaid and their successors as well one hundred marks yearly parcels of the said yearly sum of one hundred and fourscore pounds of the fee-farm aforesaid Of which hundred marks yearly Thomas Roos knight late Lord Roos was seised in his demesne as of fee on the fourth day of March in the first year of our reign yearly to be received by the hands of the sheriffs of the city aforesaid

ad manus nostras vigore cujusdam actus in parlamento nostro apud Westmonasterium quarto die Novembris dicto anno primo tento versus dictum Thomam editi devenerunt quam quinquaginta marcas annuas quas Alianora Ducissa Somersete mater predicti Thome Roos tenet in dotem ad terminum vite sue quarum quidem quinquaginta marcarum reversio dicto quarto die Marcij fuit dicto Thome Roos et heredibus suis et que ad manus nostras ratione actus predicti similiter devenit et devenire debet quas quidem summas annuas Centum et quinquaginta marcarum ad summam centum librarum per annum attingentes antecessores predicti Thome de feodi firma predicta ex concessione Domini Edwardi nuper Regis Anglie secundi post conquestum progenitoris nostri habuerunt et preceperunt. Et volumus et concedimus quod prefati nunc Major et Cives ac nunc Major Vicecomites et Communitas eorumque heredes et successores tam de predictis Centum marcis annuis exnunc imperpetuum et de arreragiis inde a festo sancti Michaelis ultimo preterito incursis sive debitis quam de predictis quinquaginta marcis annuis post mortem predictæ Ducisse et quamcito quinquaginta marce annue ille quoquo modo ad manus nostras seu heredum nostrorum devenerunt seu devenire deberent si presens pardonacio nostra sic facta non extitisset

and which hundred marks indeed yearly came into our hands by virtue of a certain act published in our parliament held at Westminster on the fourth day of November in the said first year against the said Thomas, as fifty marks yearly which Eleanor Duchess of Somerset, mother of the aforesaid Thomas Roos, holds in dower for the term of her life, of which fifty marks indeed the reversion on the said fourth day of March belonged to the said Thomas Roos and his heirs, and which in like manner came and ought to come to our hands by reason of the act aforesaid, which yearly sums indeed of one hundred and fifty marks amounting to the sum of one hundred pounds by the year the ancestors of the aforesaid Thomas had and received of the fee-farm aforesaid by the grant of the Lord Edward late King of England the Second after the conquest our progenitor. And we will and grant that the abovesaid present mayor and citizens and the present mayor, sheriffs and commonalty and their heirs and successors be quit and exonerated for ever as well from the aforesaid one hundred marks yearly from henceforth for ever and from the arrears thereof from the feast of Saint Michael last past incurred and due as from the aforesaid fifty marks yearly after the death of the aforesaid Duchess and so soon as those fifty marks yearly in any manner whatever have come or ought to have come to the hands of us or our heirs if

ut partibus et parcellis predictarum Centum et quaterviginti librarum de feodi firma Civitatis predictæ erga nos heredes et successores nostros annuatim in solucione feodi firme illius quieti sint et exonerati imperpetuum. Et quod iidem nunc Major et Cives et successores sui teneant Civitatem illam tam de predictis centum marcis annuis quam de predictis quinquaginta marcis annuis in forma predicta quieti et exonerati erga nos heredes et successores nostros imperpetuum.

Et ulterius de uberiori gracia nostra concessimus et per presentes concedimus eisdem nunc Majori et Civibus Civitatis predictæ et successoribus suis Manerium de Ingham cum pertinenciis in dicto Comitatu Lincolnensi et quatuor mesuagia ducentas acras prati¹ viginti et duas acras prati tres solidatas et quatuor denariatus redditus assise et redditus unius libre Cimini cum pertinenciis in Ingham et unum mesuagium quinquaginta acras terre quatuordecim acras prati cum pertinenciis in Cotes juxta Stow beate Marie in Comitatu Lincolnensi parcellam Manerij predicti que nuper fuerunt Johannis Helwell nuper de Gunby in Comitatu Lincolnensi armigeri et de quibus Willelmus Tailboys nuper de Southkyme miles dicto quarto

the present our pardon had not thus stood made, as parts and parcels of the aforesaid one hundred and fourscore pounds of the fee-farm of the city aforesaid to us our heirs and successors yearly due in payment of that fee-farm. And that the same present mayor and citizens and their successors hold that city, free and exonerated as well from the aforesaid one hundred marks yearly as from the aforesaid fifty marks yearly in form aforesaid due to us our heirs and successors for ever.

And further of our more abundant grace we have granted and by the presents we grant to the same present mayor and citizens of the city aforesaid and their successors the Manor of Ingham with the appurtenances in the said county of Lincoln and four messuages, two hundred acres of *land*¹, two and twenty acres of meadow, three shillings' worth and four pennyworth of rent of assise and the rents of one pound of cumin with the appurtenances in Ingham and one messuage, fifty acres of land, fourteen acres of meadow with the appurtenances in Cotes next Stow Saint Mary in the county of Lincoln, parcel of the manor aforesaid, which lately belonged to John Helwell late of Gunby in the county of Lincoln esquire, and of which William Tailboys late of South-

¹ *prati*, in error for *terre*, in the original copy.

die Marcij fuit seisisus in dominico suo ut de feodo, et que ratione et vigore actus predicti versus dictum Willelmum Tailboys per nomen Willelmi Tailboys militis inter alia editi ad manus nostras devenerunt. Habendum tenendum et percipiendum eadem manerium mesuagium terras prata et redditus cum pertinentiis ac cum feodis militum et aliis juribus et libertatibus quibuscumque eisdem manerio mesuagiis terris pratis et redditibus pertinentibus sive spectantibus prefatis nunc Majori et Civibus et eorum heredibus et successoribus imperpetuum in auxilium suum et supportacionem onerum Civitatis predictae de necessario incumbencium.

Concessimus eciam nunc Majori et Civibus omnia exitus et proficua predictorum manerii mesuagiorum terrarum pratorum et reddituum a predicto quarto die Marcij provenientia sive percepta absque compoto aut aliquo alio inde nobis aut heredibus nostris reddendo seu faciendo quovis modo, eo quod expressa mencio de vero valore annuo predictorum manerij mesuagiorum terrarum pratorum et reddituum cum pertinentiis sive eorum alicujus aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos seu aliquem progenitorum nostrorum predecessoribus dictorum nunc Majoris et Civium ante hec tempora factis

Kyme knight on the said fourth day of March was seised in his demesne as of fee and which by reason and virtue of the act aforesaid published among other matters against the said William Tailboys by the name of William Tailboys knight came to our hands. To have, hold and receive the same manor, messuage, lands, meadows and rents with the appurtenances and with the knights' fees and other the rights and liberties whatsoever appertaining or belonging to the same manor, messuages, lands, meadows and rents to the abovesaid present mayor and citizens and their heirs and successors for ever to their aid and the support of the burdens of the city aforesaid necessarily incumbent thereon.

We have also granted to the present mayor and citizens all the issues and profits of the aforesaid manor, messuages, lands, meadows and rents forthcoming or received from the aforesaid fourth day of March without yielding or making accompt or any thing else therefor in any way whatever to us or our heirs, notwithstanding that express mention of the true yearly value of the aforesaid manor, messuages, lands, meadows and rents with the appurtenances or any one of them or of other gifts or grants by us or any one of our progenitors to the predecessors of the said present mayor and citizens before these times

in presentibus facta non existit, aut aliquo statuto actu ordinacione sive restriccionē edito facto sive proviso non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo nono die Augusti anno regni nostri tercio.

2. Nos autem litteras et cartas predictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus ac Dilectis nobis Willelmo Irchenete nunc Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis nostre Lincolnie et successoribus suis tenore presencium ratificamus et confirmamus prout littere et carte predictę rationabiliter testantur. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium octavo die Julij anno regni nostri quartodecimo.

1. Nos autem litteras et cartas predictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus ac Dilectis nobis Willelmo Sammes¹ nunc Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Com-

made does not stand set forth in the presents or notwithstanding any statute, act, ordinance or restriction published, made or provided. In witness whereof these our letters we have caused to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the twenty-ninth day of August in the third year of our reign.

2. We therefore having ratified and gratified the letters and charters aforesaid and all and singular the things therein contained accept and approve them for ourselves and our heirs as far as in us lies and by the tenour of the presents ratify and confirm them to our beloved William Irchenete present mayor, the sheriffs, citizens, commonalty of our city of Lincoln and their successors, just as the letters and charters aforesaid reasonably bear witness. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the eighth day of July in the fourteenth year of our reign.

1. We therefore having ratified and gratified the letters and charters aforesaid and all and singular the things therein contained accept and approve them for ourselves and our heirs as far as in us lies, and by the tenour of the presents ratify and confirm them to our beloved William Sammes the present mayor,

¹ This name very indistinct in the original copy.

munitati Civitatis nostre Lincolnie et successoribus suis tenore presencium ratificamus et confirmamus prout littere et carte predictae rationabiliter testantur. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quarto die Octobris anno regni nostri septimo. Muĳman¹.

Examinata per Willelmum Stalhom
et Willelmum Throkmorton.

the sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of our city of Lincoln and their successors, just as the letters and charters aforesaid reasonably bear witness. In witness whereof these our letters we have caused to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the twenty-fourth day of October in the seventh year of our reign. Muĳman.

Examined by William Stalhom
and William Throkmorton.

¹ This name is uncertain in original copy.

CHARTER OF KING HENRY VIII.

[11 December, 38th year, 1546.]

HENRICUS Octavus Dei Gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Rex fidei defensor et in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice Supremum caput Omnibus ad quos presentes littere perucnerint salutem.

Sciatis quod nos tam in consideratione et ea intencione quod dilecti subditi nostri Maior Vicecomites Ciues et Communitas Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie grandia onera sua tam in solucione feodi firme eiusdem Ciuitatis quam diuersis aliis modis eis annuatim incumben-
tibus et contingentibus melius sustinere et exonerare valeant et possint ac in consideracione centum triginta quinque librarum quatuordecim solidorum trium denariorum et unius oboli legalis monete Anglie ad manus Thesaurarij nostri Curie nostre Augmentationum Revencionum Corone nostre ad vsum nostrum per eosdem Maiorem Vicecomites Ciues et Communitatem solutorum vnde fatemur nos plenarie fore satisfactos et persolutos eosdemque Maiorem Vicecomites Ciues et Communitatem ac successores suos inde acquietatos et exoneratos esse per presentes quam pro aliis causis et considerationibus nos ad presens specialiter moventes de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa

HENRY the Eighth by the Grace of God, King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and on earth supreme head of the English and Irish Church, to all unto whom the present letters shall have come greeting.

Know ye that we, as well in consideration and with that intention that our beloved subjects the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of our city of Lincoln may the better be able and be enabled to sustain and discharge their great burdens both in the payment of the fee farm of the same city and in divers others manners yearly incumbent and falling on them, and in consideration of one hundred and thirty-five pounds, fourteen shillings and three pence halfpenny of the lawful money of England paid into the hands of our Treasurer of our Court of the Augmentations of the Revenues of our Crown to our use by the same the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty, whereof we confess that we are fully satisfied and well paid and the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty and their successors therefor acquitted and discharged by these presents, as for other causes and considerations at present especially moving us, of our especial grace and of our

sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris dedimus et concessimus ac per presentes damus et concedimus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitati dicte Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie aduocationem et ius patronatus Rectorie et ecclesie parochialis de Hanslope in Comitatu nostro Buckinghamie ac aduocationes et iura patronatus Rectoriarum et ecclesiarum parochialium de Hemyswell' Surflett' et Belton' in Comitatu nostro Lincolnie necnon easdem Rectorias et ecclesias de Hanslope Hemyswell' Surflett' et Belton' Ac omnia et singula Maneria mesuagia terras glebas tenementa redditus reuersiones seruicia annuitates penciones porciones fructus decimas oblationes ac omnia alia iura proficua commoditates et emolumenta quecumque eisdem Rectoriis et ecclesiis seu earum alicui quoquo modo spectantia vel pertinentia aut vt parcella terrarum possessionum seu reuencionum earundem Rectoriarum et ecclesiarum seu earum alicuius ante hac habita cognita accepta vsitata seu reputata existentia Necnon Reuersionem et reuersiones quascumque omnium et singulorum premissorum superius expressorum et specificatorum Habendum tenendum et gaudendum predictas aduocationes et patronatus Rectoriarum et ecclesiarum predictarum et earum cuiuslibet ac easdem Rectorias et ecclesias ac predicta Maneria mesuagia terras glebas tenementa redditus reuersiones seruicia annuitates pen-

certain knowledge and mere motion for ourselves and our successors have given and granted, and by these presents give and grant to the abovesaid the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the said our city of Lincoln the advowson and right of the patronage of the rectory and parish church of Hanslope in our county of Buckingham and the advowsons and rights of the patronage of the rectories and parish churches of Hemswell, Surfleet and Belton in our county of Lincoln, also the same rectories and churches of Hanslope, Hemswell, Surfleet and Belton, And all and singular the manors, messuages, lands, glebes, tenements, rents, reversions, services, annuities, pensions, portions, fruits, tenths, oblations and all other the rights, profits, commodities and emoluments whatsoever to the same rectories and churches or to any one thereof in any way whatever belonging or appertaining or standing as parcels of the lands, possessions or revenues of the same rectories and churches or of any one thereof before this time had, recognised, accepted, used or reputed, Also the reversion and reversions whatsoever of all and singular the premises above expressed and specified, To have, to hold and to enjoy the aforesaid advowsons and patronages of the rectories and churches aforesaid and any one whatever thereof and the same rectories and churches and aforesaid manors, messuages, lands, glebes, tenements,

ciones porciones fructus decimas oblationes ac omnia alia iura proficua commoditates et emolumenta quecumque eisdem Rectoriis et ecclesiis seu earum alicui quoquo modo spectantia vel pertinentia aut vt parcella terrarum possessionum seu reuencionum earundem Rectoriarum et ecclesiarum seu earum alicuius ante hac habita cognita accepta vsitata seu reputata existentia ac cetera omnia et singula premissa cum suis pertinentiis vniuersis prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitati dicte Ciuitatis Lincolnie et successoribus suis imperpetuum ad proprium opus et vsum ipsorum Maioris Vicecomitum Ciuium et Communitatis et successorum suorum imperpetuum de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per fidelitatem tantum pro omnibus seruiciis et demandis quibuscunque et absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddendo soluendo vel faciendo Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis aut aliquo alio statuto actu ordinatione prouisione restrictione vsu seu consuetudine in contrarium inde ante hac habito facto ordinato seu prouiso aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstante

Et cum Robertus Bone clericus modo sit Rector incumbens et Canonicus possessor ecclesie parochialis de Hanslope predicta ean-

rents, reversions, services, annuities, pensions, portions, fruits, tenths, oblations and all other the rights, profits, commodities and emoluments whatsoever to the same rectories and churches or to any one thereof in any way whatever belonging or appertaining or standing as parcels of the lands, possessions or revenues of the same rectories and churches or of any one thereof before this time had, recognised, accepted, used or reputed and the rest all and singular the premises with their universal appurtenances to the abovesaid the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the said city of Lincoln and their successors for ever to the proper need and use of them the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty and their successors for ever of us our heirs and successors by fealty only for all services and demands whatsoever and without in any way whatever yielding, paying or making accompt or any other thing therefor to us our heirs or successors, the statute of not putting lands and tenements to mortmain or any other statute, act, ordinance, provision, restriction, use or custom to the contrary thereof before this time had, made, ordained or provided, or any other thing, cause or matter whatever in any way notwithstanding.

And whereas Robert Bone, clerk, now is rector, incumbent and canonical possessor of the parish church of Hanslope aforesaid and is in possession

demque ecclesiam cum suis iuribus et pertinentiis vniuersis pacifice possideat in presenti Cumque eciam Rogerus Norton clericus modo sit Rector incumbens et Canonicus possessor ecclesie parochialis de Hemyswell' predicta eandemque ecclesiam cum suis iuribus et pertinentiis vniuersis pacifice possideat in presenti Cumque Willelmus Clyfton clericus modo sit Rector incumbens et Canonicus possessor ecclesie parochialis de Surflett' predicta eandemque ecclesiam cum suis iuribus et pertinentiis vniuersis pacifice possideat in presenti Et cum Johannes Pope clericus modo sit Rector incumbens et Canonicus possessor dicte ecclesie parochialis de Belton' predicta Eandemque ecclesiam cum suis iuribus et pertinentiis vniuersis pacifice possideat in presenti Sciatis quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris ac auctoritate nostra Regia [et] supremi capitis ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice appropriamus vnimus annectimus consolidamus et incorporamus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitati et successoribus suis imperpetuum omnes et singulas predictas Rectorias et ecclesias et quamlibet earundem cum suis iuribus et pertinentiis vniuersis ipsasque Rectorias et ecclesias et earum quamlibet cum suis iuribus et pertinentiis vniuersis eisdem Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitati et successoribus suis in

peaceably of the same church with its universal rights and appurtenances at the present time, and whereas also Roger Norton, clerk, now is rector, incumbent and canonical possessor of the parish church of Hemswell aforesaid and is in possession peaceably of the same church with its universal rights and appurtenances at the present time, And whereas William Clyfton, clerk, now is rector, incumbent and canonical possessor of the parish church of Surfleet aforesaid and is in possession peaceably of the same church with its universal rights and appurtenances at the present time, and whereas John Pope, clerk, now is rector, incumbent and canonical possessor of the parish church of Belton aforesaid and is in possession peaceably of the same church with its universal rights and appurtenances at the present time, Know ye that we of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion and by our royal authority [and that] of supreme head of the Church of England and Ireland, appropriate, unite, conjoin, consolidate and incorporate to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty and their successors for ever, all and singular the aforesaid rectories and churches and any thereof with their universal rights and appurtenances and those very rectories and churches and any thereof with their universal rights and appurtenances to the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty and their successors to their

proprios suos vsus pro perpetuo possidendas donamus et concedimus per presentes iure predictorum Rectorum modernorum Rectoriarum et ecclesiarum predictarum durante tempore incumbenciarum suarum in eisdem Rectoriis et ecclesiis ejusdem modernis Rectoribus tantomodo saluo et reseruato Et vltius volumus ac auctoritate nostra Regia qua fungimur de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris dedimus et concessimus ac damus et concedimus per presentes prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et communitati dicte Ciuitatis Lincolnie et successoribus suis licenciam facultatem et plenam potestatem quod ipsi immediate postquam aliquae Rectorie et ecclesie predictae quocumque per mortem resignationem cessionem seu priuationem dictorum modo Rectorum et incumbenciarum earundem seu quocumque alio modo vacauerint seu vacari contigerint easdem Rectorias et ecclesias et earum quamlibet ac omnia et singula Maneria mesuagia terras glebas tenementa redditus reuersiones seruicia annuitates pensiones porciones fructus decimas oblationes ac alia iura proficua commoditates et emolumenta quocumque eisdem Rectoriis et ecclesiis seu earum alicui quoquo modo spectantia vel pertinentia aut [ut] parcellas

proper uses for ever to be possessed we donate and grant by these presents, the right of the aforesaid present rectors of the rectories and churches aforesaid during the time of their incumbencies in the same rectories and churches thereof alone saving and reserving to the present rectors.

And further we will and by our royal authority which we exercise of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion for ourselves, our heirs and successors have given and granted and give and grant by these presents to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the said city of Lincoln and their successors licence, faculty and full power that they immediately after that any of the rectories and churches aforesaid whatsoever by the death, resignation, cession or deprivation of the said present rectors and incumbents thereof or by any other way shall have become vacant or happened to be vacant may and can, without seeking permission of any one else, for ever have, hold, possess and enjoy and convert to their own proper uses and retain and possession thereof acquire and take, of the same rectories and churches and any thereof and all and singular the manors, messuages, lands, glebes, tenements, rents, reversions, services, annuities, pensions, portions, fruits, tenths, oblations and other the rights, profits, commodities and emoluments whatsoever to the same rectories and churches or any thereof in any way whatever belonging or appertaining or [as]

terrarum tenementorum possessionum seu reuencionum quorumcumque Rectorum seu incumbentium earundem Rectoriarum et ecclesiarum seu earum alicuius in iuribus Rectoriarum et ecclesiarum illarum seu earum alicuius eisdem Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et communitati Ciuitatis Lincolnie et successoribus suis imperpetuum habere tenere possidere et gaudere ac in vsus suos proprios conuertere et retinere atque possessionem inde adipisci et capere nullius alterius quesita licencia valeant et possint absque impetitione seu impedimento nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum aut aliquorum Archiepiscoporum Episcoporum Archidiaconorum Vicecomitum Escaetorum Justiciariorum Commissionariorum aut aliorum officiariorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcumque et absque compoto primiciis vel decimis aut aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddendo soluendo vel faciendo Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis aut Statuto de concessione primiciarum et decimarum nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris de beneficiis dignitatibus et promociionibus spiritualibus et ecclesiasticis edito et prouiso Aut aliquo alio Statuto actu ordinatione prouisione prohibicione restrictione uel lege ecclesiastica seu temporali incontrarium inde ante hac habito facto edito ordinato seu prouiso aut aliqua alia re causa uel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstante Et absque aliquo breui de ad quod

parcels of the lands, tenements, possessions or revenues whatsoever of the rectors or incumbents of the same rectories and churches or any thereof in rights of those rectories and churches or any thereof to the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln and their successors, without impeachment or hindrance of us, our heirs or successors or of any whomsoever our archbishops, bishops, archdeacons, sheriffs, escheators, justices, commissioners or other officers or ministers of us, our heirs and successors and without in any way whatever yielding, paying or making to us, our heirs or successors, accompt first-fruits or tenths or any thing else therefor, the statute of not putting lands and tenements to mortmain or the statute published and provided concerning the grant of first-fruits and tenths to us, our heirs or successors from benefices, dignities and promotions spiritual and ecclesiastical, or any other statute, act, ordinance, provision, prohibition, restriction or law ecclesiastical or temporal to the contrary thereof before this time had, made, published, ordained or provided or any other thing, cause or matter whatsoever in any way notwithstanding, And without suing out,

dampnum siue aliquo alio breui precepto seu mandato nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum pro premissis seu aliquo premissorum quoquo modo proseguendo impetrando vel fiendo Et absque aliqua inquisicione inde capienda et in Cancellariam nostram seu alibi retornanda.

Et vltcrius volumus de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris auctoritate nostra Regia et Supremi Capitis predicta concedimus et licenciam damus per presentes dictis Maiori vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitati dicte Ciuitatis nostra Lincolnie quod ipsi vel Successores aut assignati sui siue aliqui vel aliquis eorum vnam vicariam perpetuam in ecclesia parochiali de Hanslope predicta Et alteram vicariam perpetuam in ecclesia parochiali de Hemswell predicta Et aliam vicariam perpetuam in ecclesia parochiali de Surflett predicta Et aliam vicariam perpetuam in ecclesia parochiali¹ de Belton' predicta cum dotibus et porcionibus sufficientibus et congruentibus pro sustentatione vicariorum perpetuorum in eisdem vicariis preficienda et instituenda assignandis iuxta et secundum fundacionem ordinacionem et dotaciones per ipsos Maiorem Vicecomites Ciues et Communitatem dicte Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie siue

obtaining or causing to be made any writ of *ad quod dampnum* or any other writ, precept or mandate of us, our heirs or successors for the premises or any of the premises in any way whatsoever, and without any inquest thereof to be taken and to be returned into our chancery or elsewhere.

And further we will of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion for ourselves, our heirs and successors and by our royal authority and that of supreme head aforesaid, grant and give licence by the presents to the said mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the said our city of Lincoln that they or their successors or assigns or any one or more of them, can, one or more of them, make, found, erect, create and establish one perpetual vicarage in the parish church of Hanslope aforesaid and another perpetual vicarage in the parish church of Hemswell aforesaid and another perpetual vicarage in the parish church of Surfleet aforesaid and another perpetual vicarage in the parish church of Belton aforesaid with assignments of endowments and portions sufficient and befitting for supplying and defraying the support of the vicars perpetual in the same vicarages in accordance with and according to the foundation, ordinance and endowments to be made, established and ordained by them the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the said

¹ *parochialis* in the original.

successores aut assignatos suos vel aliquem eorundem in hac parte fiendas stabiliendas et ordinandas facere fundare erigere creare et stabilire possint vel possit futuris temporibus duraturas. Et quod vnus idoneus clericus sit et erit per dictos Maiorem Vicecomites Ciues et Communitatem Ciuitatis Lincolnie vel successores aut assignatos suos siue aliquem eorundem ad dictam vicariam in ecclesia parochiali de Hanslope predicta nominatus et presentatus ac per ordinarium loci admissus et institutus in eadem vicaria cum suis iuribus membris et pertinentiis vniversis Ac quod idem Clericus sic admissus et institutus sit erit et nominabitur vicarius perpetuus vicarie eiusdem ecclesie de Hanslope predicta Et quod idem vicarius perpetuus et successores sui pro tempore existentes sint et quilibet eorum sit vnum corpus corporatum re et nomine habeantque successionem perpetuam Et quod idem vicarius et successores sui loco Rectoris erit residenciam inibi faciet hospitalitatem fouebit et curam animarum parochianorum ibidem geret ceteraque omnia et singula faciet et exequetur¹ que ad officium vicarii pertinere dinoscuntur Ac omnia opera tam ordinaria quam extraordinaria ad dictam ecclesiam de Hanslope spectantia et pertinencia seu incumbencia agnoscet et supportabit preterquam in reparacione Cancelli eiusdem ecclesie quociens necesse fuerit.

our city of Lincoln or their successors or assigns or any one thereof in this behalf, to endure for future times. And that one fitting clerk be, and shall be, by the said mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln or their successors or assigns or any thereof to the said vicarage in the parish church of Hanslope aforesaid nominated and presented and by the ordinary of the place admitted and instituted in the same vicarage with its universal rights, members and appurtenances, And that the same clerk thus admitted and instituted be shall be and shall be named perpetual vicar of the vicarage of the same church of Hanslope aforesaid, And that the same perpetual vicar and his successors for the time being be and every one of them be one body corporate in deed and in name and have perpetual succession, And that the same vicar and his successors shall stand in stead of the rector, shall make his residence therein, shall practise hospitality and exercise the cure of the souls of the parishioners therein, and make and perform all and singular the rest of the things which are recognised to belong to the office of a vicar, And shall acknowledge and take upon himself all the duties both ordinary and extraordinary belonging to or appertaining to or incumbent upon the said church of Hanslope excepting in the repair of the chancel of the same church so often as need shall arise.

¹ *exiquetur* in the original.

Volumus eciam et pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus quod idem vicarius et successores sui per nomen vicarii perpetui vicarie ecclesie de Hanslape sint et erunt persone habiles et capaces in lege ad recipiendum et perquirendum sibi et successoribus suis vicariis perpetuis eiusdem vicarie de predictis Maiore Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitate et successoribus suis vnum idoneum habitaculum et domum convenientem pro mansione eorundem vicariorum vnacum curtilagiis ortis pomeriis et gardinis eidem domui spectantibus et quandam annuitatem siue annualem pensionem quatuordecim librarum tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum pro vicaria sua inibi dotanda ac cum clausula districtionis seu alia clausula quacumque pro securitate solutionis eiusdem annuitatis siue annualis pensionis Et quod idem vicarius vicarie in ecclesia de Hanslape predicta et successores sui vicarii vicarie in eadem ecclesia pro tempore existentes per nomen vicarii perpetui vicarie ecclesie de Hanslape de cetero prosequi clamare placitare et implacitari¹, defendere et defendi respondere et responderi in quibuscumque curiis et locis infra Regnum nostrum Anglie et infra dominia iurisdicciones et potestates nostras heredum et successorum nostrorum quascumque in

We will also and for ourselves, our heirs and successors by the presents grant that the same vicar and his successors by the name of the vicar perpetual of the vicarage of the church of Hanslope be and shall be persons able and capable in law to receive and acquire to themselves and their successors vicars perpetual of the same vicarage from the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty and their successors one befitting habitation and convenient house for the mansion of the same vicars together with the curtilages, orchards, appleyards and gardens belonging to the same house and a certain annuity or yearly pension of fourteen pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence for endowment of his vicarage therein and with a provision for distraint or other provision whatever for the securing of the payment of the same annuity or yearly pension, And that the same vicar of the vicarage in the church of Hanslope aforesaid and his successors, vicars of the vicarage in the same church for the time being by the name of vicar perpetual of the vicarage of the church of Hanslope from henceforth [may and can] prosecute, claim, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, reply and be replied to in any whatever courts and places within our realm of England and within the lordships jurisdictions and powers whatsoever of us, our heirs and successors

¹ *implacitare* in the original.

et super omnibus et singulis causis occasionibus sectis breuibz de-
maundis et querelis realibus personalibus et mixtis tam spiritualibus
quam temporalibus et in omnibus aliis rebus causis et materiis quibus-
cumque.

Necnon volumus ac de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa
sciencia et mero motu nostris auctoritate nostra Regia ac Supremi
Capitis predicta pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per
presentes concedimus quod vnus idoneus clericus sit et erit per dictos
Maiorem Vicecomites Ciues et Communitatem dicte Ciuitatis nostre
Lincolnie vel successores seu assignatos suos siue aliquem eorundem
ad dictam vicariam in ecclesia de Hemswell predicta nominatus et
presentatus ac per ordinarium loci illius admissus et institutus in
eadem vicaria cum suis iuribus membris et pertinentiis vniuersis ac quod
idem clericus sic admissus et institutus sit erit et nominabitur vicarius
perpetuus vicarie eiusdem ecclesie de Hemswell predicta Et quod
idem vicarius perpetuus et successores sui pro tempore existentes sint
et quilibet eorum sit vnum corpus corporatum re et nomine habeant-
que successionem perpetuam Et quod idem vicarius et successores sui
loco Rectoris erit residenciam inibi faciet hospitalitatem fouebit et
curam animarum parochianorum inibi geret ceteraque omnia et

in and upon all and singular the causes, occasions, suits, writs, demands and
complaints real, personal and mixed as well spiritual as temporal and in all
other things, causes and matters whatsoever.

Moreover we will and of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge
and mere motion by our royal authority and that of the supreme head aforesaid
for ourselves, our heirs and successors by the presents grant that one befitting
clerk be and shall be by the said mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty
of the said our city of Lincoln or their successors or assigns or any thereof to
the said vicarage in the church of Hemswell aforesaid nominated and pre-
sented and by the ordinary of that place admitted and instituted in the same
vicarage with its universal rights, members and appurtenances. And that
the same clerk thus admitted and instituted be shall be and shall be named
perpetual vicar of the vicarage of the same church of Hemswell aforesaid,
And that the same perpetual vicar and his successors for the time being be
and every one of them be one body corporate in deed and in name and have
perpetual succession, And that the same vicar and his successors shall stand
in stead of the rector, shall make his residence herein, shall practise
hospitality and exercise the cure of the souls of the parishioners therein, and

singula faciet et exequetur que ad officium vicarii pertinere denoscuntur ac omnia onera tam ordinaria quam extraordinaria ad dictam ecclesiam de Hemswell spectantia et pertinentia seu incumbentia agnoscat¹ et supportabit preterquam in reparatione² Cancelli eiusdem ecclesie quociens necesse fuerit.

Volumus eciam et pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus quod idem vicarius et successores sui per nomen vicarii perpetui vicarie ecclesie de Hemswell sint et erunt persone habiles et capaces in lege ad recipiendum et perquirendum sibi et successoribus suis vicariis perpetuis eiusdem ecclesie de predictis Maiore Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitate vel successoribus suis vnum idoneum habitaculum et domum conuenientem pro mansione eorundem vicariorum vnacum curtilagiis ortis pomeriis et gardinis eidem domui spectantibus Ac quandam annuitatem siue annualem pensionem vndecim librarum pro vicaria sua inibi dotanda ac cum clausula districtionis seu alia clausula quacumque pro securitate solucionis eiusdem annuitatis siue annualis pensionis et quod idem vicarius vicarie ecclesie de Hemyswell et successores sui vicarii eiusdem vicarie pro tempore existentes per

make and perform all and singular the rest of the things which are recognised to belong to the office of a vicar, And shall acknowledge and take upon himself all the duties both ordinary and extraordinary belonging to or appertaining to or incumbent upon the said church of Hemswell excepting in the repair of the chancel of the same church so often as need shall arise.

We will also and for ourselves, our heirs and successors by the presents grant that the same vicar and his successors by the name of the vicar perpetual of the vicarage of the church of Hemswell be, and shall be, persons able and capable in law to receive and acquire to themselves and their successors, vicars perpetual of the same church from the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty or their successors one befitting habitation and convenient house for the mansion of the same vicars together with the curtilages, orchards, appleyards and gardens belonging to the same house and a certain annuity or yearly pension of eleven pounds for endowment of his vicarage therein and with a provision for distraint or other provision whatever for the securing of the payment of the same annuity or yearly pension, and that the same vicar of the vicarage of the church of Hemswell and his successors, vicars of the same vicarage for the time being

¹ *agnoscit* in the original.

² *reparatione* in the original, also in places further on.

nomen vicarii perpetui vicarie ecclesie de Hemyswill¹ de cetero prosecui clamare placitare et implacitari defendere et defendi respondere et responderi in quibuscumque curiis et locis infra Regnum nostrum Anglie et infra dominia iurisdicciones et potestates nostras heredum et successorum nostrorum quascumque in et super omnibus et singulis causis accionibus sectis breuibz demaundis querelis realibus personalibus² et mixtis tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus et in omnibus aliis causis rebus et materiis quibuscumque.

Ac eciam volumus et auctoritate nostra Regia et supremi capitis predicta de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus et licenciam damus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibz et Communitati dicte Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie et successoribus suis quod vnus idoneus clericus sit et erit per eosdem Maiorem Vicecomites Ciues et Communitatem eiusdem Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie vel successores aut assignatos suos siue aliquem eorundem ad dictam vicariam in ecclesia de Surflete predicta nominatus et presentatus ac per ordinarium loci admissus et institutus in eadem vicaria cum suis iuribus et pertinentiis vniuersis Et quod idem clericus sic admissus et institutus sit erit et nominabitur

by the name of vicar perpetual of the vicarage of the church of Hemswell from henceforth [may and can] prosecute, claim, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, reply and be replied to in any whatever courts and places within our realm of England and within the lordships jurisdictions and powers whatsoever of us, our heirs and successors in and upon all and singular causes, actions, suits, writs, demands and complaints, real, personal and mixed as well spiritual as temporal and in all other causes, things and matters whatsoever.

And also we will and by our royal authority and that of the supreme head aforesaid of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion for ourselves, our heirs and successors by the presents grant and give licence to the beforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the said our city of Lincoln and their successors that one befitting clerk be, and shall be, by the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the same our city of Lincoln or their successors or assigns or any of them to the said vicarage in the church of Surfleet aforesaid nominated and presented and by the ordinary of the place admitted and instituted in the same vicarage with its universal rights and appurtenances, And that the same clerk thus

¹ *sic.*

² *parsonalibus* in the original.

vicarius perpetuus vicarie eiusdem ecclesie de Surflet' predicta Et quod idem vicarius perpetuus et successores sui pro tempore existentes sint et quilibet eorum sit vnum corpus incorporatum re et nomine habeantque successionem perpetuam Et quod idem vicarius et successores sui loco Rectoris erit residenciam inibi faciet hospitalitatem fouebit et curam animarum parochianorum ibidem geret Ceteraque omnia et singula faciet et exequetur que ad officium vicarii pertinere dinoscuntur ac omnia onera tam ordinaria quam extraordinaria ad dictam ecclesiam de Surflette spectantia pertinentia seu incumbencia agnoscet et supportabit preterquam in reparacione Cancelli eiusdem ecclesie quociens necesse fuerit.

Volumus eciam et pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus quod idem vicarius et successores sui per nomen vicarii perpetui vicarie ecclesie de Surflett sint et erunt persone habiles et capaces ad recipiendum et perquirendum sibi et successoribus suis vicariis perpetuis vicarie eiusdem ecclesie de predictis Maiore Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitati vel successoribus suis vnum idoneum habitaculum et domum convenientem pro mansione eorundem vicariorum vnacum curtilagiis

admitted and instituted be shall be and shall be named perpetual vicar of the vicarage of the same church of Surfleet aforesaid, And that the same perpetual vicar and his successors for the time being and every one of them be one body corporate in deed and in name and have perpetual succession, And that the same vicar and his successors shall stand in stead of the Rector, shall make his residence therein, shall practise hospitality and exercise the cure of the souls of the parishioners therein, and make and perform all and singular the rest of the things which are recognised to belong to the office of a vicar, and shall acknowledge and take upon himself all the duties both ordinary and extraordinary belonging to, appertaining to or incumbent upon the said church of Surfleet excepting in the repair of the chancel of the same church so often as need shall arise.

We will also and for ourselves, our heirs and successors by the presents grant that the same vicar and his successors by the name of the vicar perpetual of the vicarage of the church of Surfleet be, and shall be, persons able and capable to receive and acquire to themselves and their successors, vicars perpetual of the vicarage of the same church from the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty or their successors one befitting habitation and convenient house for the mansion of the same vicars together with the

ortis pomeriis et gardinis eidem domui spectantibus Ac quandam annuitatem siue annualem pencionem vndecim librarum pro vicaria sua inibi dotanda ac cum clausula districcionis seu alia clausula quacumque pro securitate solucionis eiusdem annuitatis siue annualis pencionis Et quod idem vicarius vicarie ecclesie de Surflette predicta et successores sui vicarii eiusdem vicarie pro tempore existentes per nomen vicarii perpetui vicarie ecclesie de Surflette de cetero prosequi clamare placitare et implacitari defendere et defendi respondere et responderi in quibuscumque Curiis et locis infra Regnum nostrum Anglie et infra dominia iurisdicciones et potestates nostras heredum et successorum nostrorum quascumque in et super omnibus et singulis causis accionibus sectis breuibz demaundis et querelis realibus personalibus¹ et mixtis tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus et in omnibus aliis causis rebus et materiis quibuscumque.

Ac eciam volumus et auctoritate nostra Regia et supremi capitis predicta de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus et licenciam damus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibz et Communitati Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie et

curtilages, orchards, appleyards and gardens belonging to the same house, And a certain annuity or yearly pension of eleven pounds for endowment of his vicarage therein and with provision for distrainment or other provision whatever for the securing of the payment of the same annuity or yearly pension, And that the same vicar of the vicarage of the church of Surflette aforesaid and his successors, vicars of the same vicarage for the time being by the name of the vicar perpetual of the vicarage of the church of Surflette from henceforth [may and can] prosecute, claim, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, reply and be replied to in any whatever courts and places within our realm of England and within the lordships jurisdictions and powers of us, our heirs and successors whatsoever in and upon all and singular causes, actions, suits, writs, demands and complaints real, personal and mixed as well spiritual as temporal and in all other causes, things and matters whatsoever.

And also we will and by our royal authority and that of the supreme head aforesaid of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion for ourselves, our heirs and successors by the presents grant and give licence to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of our

¹ *parsonalibus* in the original.

successoribus suis quod vnus idoneus clericus sit et erit per dictos Maiores Vicecomites Ciues et Communitatem Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie vel successores aut assignatos suos siue aliquem eorundem ad dictam vicariam in ecclesia de Belton' predicta nominatus et presentatus ac per ordinarium loci admissus et institutus in eadem vicaria cum suis iuribus et pertinentiis vniuersis Ac quod idem clericus sic admissus et institutus sit erit et nominabitur vicarius perpetuus vicarie eiusdem ecclesie de Belton' predicta Et quod idem vicarius perpetuus et successores sui pro tempore existentes sint et quilibet eorum sit vnum corpus corporatum re et nomine habeantque successionem perpetuam Et quod idem vicarius et successores sui loco Rectoris erit residenciam inibi faciet hospitalitatem fouebit et curam animarum parochianorum ibidem geret Ceteraque omnia et singula faciet et exequetur que ad officium vicarii pertinere dinoscuntur ac omnia onera tam ordinaria quam extraordinaria ad dictam ecclesiam de Belton spectantia pertinentia seu incumbentia agnoscat et supportabit preterquam in reparatione Cancelli eiusdem ecclesie quociens necesse fuerit.

Volumus eciam et pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris

city of Lincoln and their successors that one befitting clerk be, and shall be, by the said mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of our city of Lincoln or their successors or assigns or any thereof to the said vicarage in the church of Belton aforesaid nominated and presented and by the ordinary of the place admitted and instituted in the same vicarage with its universal rights and appurtenances, And that the same clerk thus admitted and instituted be shall be and shall be named vicar perpetual of the vicarage of the same church of Belton aforesaid, And that the same vicar perpetual and his successors for the time being be and every one of them be one body corporate in deed and in name and have perpetual succession, And that the same vicar and his successors shall stand in stead of the rector, shall make his residence therein, shall practise hospitality and exercise the cure of the souls of the parishioners therein, and make and perform all and singular the rest of the things which are recognised to belong to the office of a vicar and shall acknowledge and take upon himself all the duties both ordinary and extraordinary belonging to or appertaining to or incumbent upon the said church of Belton excepting in the repair of the chancel of the same church so often as need shall arise.

We will also and for ourselves our heirs and successors by the presents

per presentes concedimus quod idem vicarius et successores sui per nomen vicarii perpetui vicarie ecclesie de Belton sint et erunt parsones¹ habiles et capaces ad recipiendum et perquirendum sibi et successoribus suis vicariis perpetuis eiusdem vicarie de predictis Maiore Vicecomitibus Cuiibus et Communitate vel successoribus suis vnum idoneum habitaculum et domum convenientem pro mansione eorundem vicariorum vnacum curtilagiis ortis pomeriis et gardinis eidem domui spectantibus ac quandam annuitatem siue annualem pensionem vndecim librarum pro vicaria sua inibi dotanda ac cum clausula districtionis seu alia clausula quacumque pro securitate solutionis eiusdem annuitatis siue annualis pensionis Et quod idem vicarius vicarie ecclesie de Belton' predicta et successores sui vicarii eiusdem vicarie pro tempore existentes per nomen vicarii perpetui vicarie ecclesie de Belton' de cetero prosequi clamare placitare et implacitari defendere et defendi respondere et respondi in quibuscumque locis infra Regnum nostrum Anglie et infra dominia iurisdicciones et potestates nostras heredum et successorum nostrorum quascumque in et super omnibus et singulis causis accionibus sectis breuibz demandis et querelis realibus personalibus² et mixtis tam spiritualibus

grant that the same vicar and his successors by the name of vicar perpetual of the vicarage of the church of Belton be and shall be persons able and capable to receive and acquire to themselves and their successors vicars perpetual of the same vicarage from the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty or their successors one befitting habitation and convenient house for the mansion of the same vicars, together with the curtilages, orchards, appleyards and gardens belonging to the same house and a certain annuity or yearly pension of eleven pounds for endowment of his vicarage therein and with a provision for distraint or other provision whatever for the securing of the payment of the same annuity or yearly pension, And that the same vicar of the vicarage of the church of Belton aforesaid and his successors vicars of the same vicarage for the time being by the name of vicar perpetual of the vicarage of the church of Belton from henceforth [may and can] prosecute, claim, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, reply and be replied to in any whatever [courts and] places within our Realm of England and within the lordships jurisdictions and powers whatsoever of us our heirs and successors in and upon all and singular causes, actions, suits, writs, demands and complaints real, personal and mixed as well spiritual as temporal and in all other causes, things and matters whatsoever.

¹ *sic*.² See p. 176, n. 2.

quam temporalibus et in omnibus aliis causis rebus et materiis quibuscumque.

Ac etiam volumus et licenciam dedimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris licenciam damus et concedimus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitati dicte Ciuitatis Lincolnie et successoribus suis quod iidem Maior Vicecomites Ciues Communitas et successores sui vnam domum siue mansionem in Hanslope predicta cum ortis pomeriis et gardinis eidem pertinentibus ac vnam annuitatem siue annualem pencionem quatuordecim librarum tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum exeuntem de Rectoria de Hanslope predicta licet de nobis teneatur in capite vel aliter vicario perpetuo ecclesie de Hanslope predicta per dictos Maiorem Vicecomites Ciues et Communitatem vel successores suos nominando et presentando et successoribus suis vicariis perpetuis eiusdem vicarie ad eorum sustentacionem et dotacionem vicarie sue ibidem imperpetuum dare et concedere valeant et possint et quod iidem Maior Vicecomites Ciues et Communitas et successores sui vnam domum siue mansionem in Hemswell predicta cum ortis pomeriis et gardinis eidem pertinentibus ac vnam annuitatem siue annualem pencionem vndecim librarum exeuntem de Rectoria de Hemswell predicta licet de nobis teneatur in capite vel aliter vicario

And also we will and have given licence and by the presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors give licence and grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the said city of Lincoln and their successors that the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty and their successors may and can give and grant one house or mansion in Hanslope aforesaid with the orchards, appleyards and gardens thereunto appertaining, and one annuity or yearly pension of fourteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence issuing out of the rectory of Hanslope aforesaid, although it be held of us in chief or otherwise, to the vicar perpetual of the church of Hanslope aforesaid by the said mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty or their successors to be nominated and presented, and to his successors vicars perpetual of the same vicarage for their sustenance and for the endowment of their vicarage therein for ever; and that the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty and their successors may and can give and grant one house or mansion in Hemswell aforesaid with the orchards, appleyards and gardens thereunto appertaining and one annuity or yearly pension of eleven pounds issuing out of the rectory of Hemswell aforesaid, although it be held of us in

perpetuo vicarie ecclesie de Hemyswell predicta per dictos Maiorem Vicecomites Ciues et Communitatem vel successores suos nominando [et] presentando et successoribus suis vicariis perpetuis eiusdem vicarie ad eorum sustentacionem et dotacionem vicarie sue ibidem imperpetuum dare et concedere valeant et possint Et quod iidem Maior Vicecomites Ciues et Communitas vel successores sui vnam domum siue mansionem in Surflette predicta cum ortis pomeriis et gardinis eidem pertinentibus ac vnam annuitatem siue annualem pencionem vndecim librarum exeuntem de Rectoria de Surflette predicta licet de nobis teneatur in capite vel aliter vicario perpetuo vicarie ecclesie de Surflette predicta per dictos Maiorem Vicecomites Ciues et Communitatem vel successores suos nominando et presentando et successoribus suis vicariis perpetuis eiusdem vicarie ad eorum sustentacionem et dotacionem vicarie sue ibidem imperpetuum dare et concedere valeant et possint Et quod dicti Maior Vicecomites Ciues et Communitas et successores sui vnam domum siue mansionem in Belton' predicta cum ortis pomeriis et gardinis eidem pertinentibus ac vnam annuitatem siue annualem pencionem vndecim librarum exeuntem de Rectoria de Belton' predicta licet de nobis teneatur in capite vel aliter¹ vicario perpetuo vicarie ecclesie de Belton' predicta

chief or otherwise, to the vicar perpetual of the vicarage of the church of Hemswell aforesaid by the said mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty or their successors to be nominated and presented and to his successors vicars perpetual of the same vicarage for their sustenance and for the endowment of their vicarage therein for ever; and that the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty or their successors may and can give and grant one house or mansion in Surflette aforesaid with the orchards, appleyards and gardens thereunto appertaining and one annuity or yearly pension of eleven pounds issuing out of the rectory of Surfleet aforesaid, although it be held of us in chief or otherwise, to the vicar perpetual of the vicarage of the church of Surfleet aforesaid by the said mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty or their successors to be nominated and presented and his successors vicars perpetual of the same vicarage for their sustenance and for the endowment of their vicarage therein for ever, And that the said mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty and their successors may and can give and grant one house or mansion in Belton aforesaid with the orchards, appleyards and gardens thereunto appertaining and one annuity or yearly pension of eleven pounds issuing out of the rectory of Belton aforesaid, although it be held of us in chief or otherwise to the vicar perpetual

¹ *aliter* in the original.

per dictos Maiorem Vicecomites Ciues et Communitatem vel successores suos nominando et presentando et successoribus suis vicariis perpetuis eiusdem vicarie ad eorum sustentacionem et dotacionem vicarie sue ibidem imperpetuum dare et concedere valeant et possint.

Et eisdem vicariis perpetuis viciarum dictarum ecclesiarum de Hanslape Hemyswell Surflette et Belton' predictis et successoribus suis quod ipsi predicta domos mansiones ortos pomeria et gardina ac seperales annuitates siue annuales penciones ad eorum sustentaciones et dotaciones viciarum suarum predictarum de prefatis Maiore Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitate vel successoribus suis sepe-raliter recipere et possidere imperpetuum valeant et possint in forma predicta Similiter licenciam damus et concedimus specialem per presentes Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis aut aliquo alio statuto actu ordinacione seu prouisione in contrarium inde ante hac habita facta edita ordinata seu prouisa aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstante.

Et vlterius volumus ac de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus et¹ damus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus

of the vicarage of the church of Belton aforesaid by the said mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty or their successors to be nominated and presented and his successors vicars perpetual of the same vicarage for their sustenance and for the endowment of their vicarage therein for ever, And to the same vicars perpetual of the vicarages of the said churches of Hanslope, Hemswell, Surfleet and Belton aforesaid and their successors that they may and can for ever severally receive and possess in form aforesaid the aforesaid houses, mansions, orchards, appleyards and gardens and the several annuities or yearly pensions for their sustentances and for the endowments of their vicarages aforesaid from the beforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty or their successors likewise we give and grant especial licence by the presents, the statute of not putting lands and tenements to mortmain or any other statute, act, ordinance or provision to the contrary thereof before this time had, made, published, ordained or provided or any other thing, cause or matter whatsoever in any way notwithstanding.

And further we will and of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion for ourselves, our heirs and successors by the presents grant

¹ *licentiam* seems to be here wanting in the original.

et Communitati Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie predictae et successoribus suis quod iidem Maior Vicecomites Ciues Communitas ac successores vel assignati sui imperpetuum habeant aduocationes et iura patronatus omnium et singularum vicariarum predictarum in predictis ecclesiis parochialibus de Hanslope Hemyswell Surflete et Belton' ac cuiuslibet earundem vicariarum quociescumque deinceps in futuro easdem vicarias perpetuas aut earum aliquam de huiusmodi vicariis vel eorum aliquo per mortem resignacionem cessionem priuacionem vel aliquo modo quocumque vacare contigerit.

Volumus eciam pro consideratione predicta ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitati quod habeant et habebunt has litteras nostras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo confectas et sigillatas absque fine seu feodo magno vel paruo nobis in hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad vsum nostrum quoquo modo reddendo soluendo vel faciendo Eo quod expressa mencio de vero valore vel certitudine premissorum siue eorum alicuius aut de aliis donis siue concessionibus per nos vel per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitati ante hec tempora factis in presentibus minime existit

and give [licence] to the beforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of our city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors that the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty and their successors or assigns for ever have the advowsons and rights of patronage of all and singular the vicarages aforesaid in the aforesaid parish churches of Hanslope, Hemswell, Surfleet and Belton and any whatever of the same vicarages so often as from this time forward for the future it shall have happened that the same vicarages perpetual or any one thereof of such manner of vicars or any of them be vacant by death, resignation, cession, deprivation or any manner whatever.

We will also for the aforesaid consideration and of our certain knowledge and mere motion by the presents grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty that they have and shall have these our letters patent in due manner made and sealed with our great seal of England without in any way whatever yielding, paying or making fine or fee great or small to us in our hanaper or elsewhere to our use, Although express mention of the true value or certainty of the premisses or of any thereof or of other the gifts or grants by us or by any one of our progenitors to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty before these times made

aut aliquo statuto actu ordinacione prouisione siue restriccionē in contrarium inde facto edito ordinato siue proviso aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstante In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vndecimo die Decembris anno regni nostri tricesimo octavo.

Wa. Southwell.

Irrotulatur.

in the presents is not made, or any statute, act, ordinance, provision or restriction to the contrary thereof made, published, ordained or provided or any other thing, cause or matter whatsoever in any way notwithstanding.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster the eleventh day of December in the thirty-eighth year of our reign.

Wa. Southwell

It is enrolled.

CHARTER OF KING EDWARD VI.

13 May, 3rd year. 1549.

EDWARDUS sextus Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Rex fidei defensor et in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice supremum caput Omnibus ad quos presentes littere nostre pervenerint salutem.

Inspeximus quoddam breve nostrum de memorando predilecto et fideli Consiliario nostro Willelmo Pagett prenobilis ordinis gartherii militi Clerico parliamentorum nostrorum siue ejus deputato ibidem directum in filaciis Cancellarie nostre residens in hec verba.

Edwardus sextus Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Rex fidei defensor et in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice supremum caput predilecto et fideli Consiliario suo Willelmo Pagett prenobilis ordinis gartherii militi Clerico parliamentorum suorum seu ejus deputato ibidem salutem.

Volentes certis de causis memorari super tenore cujusdam actus in parlamento nostro inchoato apud Ciuitatem nostram Westmonasterii vicesimo quarto die Novembris ultimo preterito et ibidem continuato usque quartum decimum diem Marcii eciam ultimum preteritum et concernentes quendam actum in eodem parlamento

EDWARD the Sixth by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and on earth supreme head of the English and Irish Church, to all unto whom the present our letters shall have come greeting.

We have inspected a certain our writ of memorandum directed to our well beloved and faithful Councillor William Pagett, Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, clerk of our parliaments or his deputy therein, placed on the files of our Chancery, in these words.

Edward the Sixth by the grace of God, King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and on earth supreme head of the English and Irish Church to his well beloved and faithful Councillor William Pagett, Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, clerk of his parliaments or his deputy therein, greeting.

Willing for certain causes to be reminded concerning the tenour of a certain act in our parliament begun at our city of Westminster on the twenty-fourth day of November last past and therein continued until the fourteenth day of March also last past and concerning a certain act in the same

pro Maiore et Vicecomitibus ac Civibus Civitatis nostre Lincolnie pro unione certarum ecclesiarum infra eandem Civitatem nuper editi Vobis mandamus quod tenorem actus predicti nobis in Cancellariam nostram sub sigillo vestro distincte et aperte mittatis et hoc breve.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium viij die Maij Anno regni nostri tercio. R. Southwell.

Inspeximus eciam tenorem actus predicti unacum indorsiamiento ejusdem manu dilecti et fidelis nostri Johannis Masone militis deputati predicti Willelmi Pagett signatum sigilloque suo sigillatum, in filaciis dicte Cancellarie nostre similiter residentis in hec verba.

Illustrissimo ac metuendissimo domino nostro Regi in Cancellariam suam In parlamento inchoato et tento apud Westmonasterium quarto die Novembris anno potentissimi principis Edwardi sexti Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regis fidei defensoris et in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice supremi capitis primo et per varias prorogationes continuato usque ad vicesimum quartum diem Novembris anno dicti domini nostri Edwardi Regis secundo in secunda videlicet Sessione ejusdem parlamenti inter alia multa communi omnium procerum et populi consensu ac Regie Majestatis tum presentis assensu stabilitum sancitum et inactatum est ad verbum prout sequitur.

parliament lately published for the mayor and sheriffs and citizens of our city of Lincoln for the union of certain churches within the same city We command you to send the tenour of the act aforesaid distinctly and openly to us into our Chancery under your seal, and this writ.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the eighth day of May in the third year of our reign. R. Southwell.

We have also inspected the tenour of the act aforesaid together with the endorsement thereof in the hand of our beloved and faithful John Mason, knight deputy of the aforesaid William Pagett, signed and sealed with his seal placed in like manner in the files of our said Chancery in these words.

By the most illustrious and most dread our lord the king in his chancery in parliament begun and holden at Westminster on the fourth day of November in the first year of the most puissant prince Edward the Sixth by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and on earth supreme head of the English and Irish Church and by divers prorogations continued until the twenty-fourth day of November in the second year of the said our lord Edward the king, that is to say in the second session of the same parliament, among many other things by the common consent of all the nobles and people and assent of the king's majesty then present it was established, sanctioned and enacted word for word as follows.

Where in the auncient city of Lincolnie and the suburbs of the same there are many parishe Churches the benefyces whereof for that the same parisshes were well peopled were good and honest lyvings for lerned Incumbentes and parsounes of the same by reason of privie tythes of the rich marchauntes clothyers artyficers and of the offrynges of a great multitude of people within the same parisshes Whiche lyvynges are now somuch decayed by the great ruine and decay of the said Citie and of the trade of clothmaking and marchaundise there that the revenues and proffittes of dyverce the said benefices there are at this present not aboue the clere yerely value of thirtie shillinges so that a great sort of them are not a competent and honest lyving for a good curate, and no parsoune will take the cure of them, but that of povertie and necessitie there are somme late religious parsounes being stipendaries taken and appoynted to serve the said Cures and benefices which for the most parte are unlerned and verie ignoraunte personnes not able to do any parte of there dueties, By reason whereof the said Citie is not only replenished with blynde gyudes and pastours but also the people very muche kept in ignorance and blyndnes aswell of their dueties toward almightie god as also the kinges maiestie their soueraigne lord and the Commen Wealthe of this Realme and to the great daungier of their Soules In consideracion wherof and for the better releaf and order of the said Citie It may please the kinges maiestie by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the Commons of this present parliament assembled and by thauctoritie of the same that it be establissed and inacted that fromhensfurth it shalbe lauffull to every ordinarye of the seid Churches and their successours and his or their sufficient deputie or deputies l[aufu]lly to be auctorized and the Mayour and Recorder of the said Citye for the tyme being and to all the Justices of peace [of] the said Citye for the tyme being or to foure of them So that the ordinarie or his deputie and the mayour for the tyme being to be two, to unyte and knytt together the said parisshes in to fewer nombre. That is to witt so many of the said parisshes into one or mo parisssh or parisshes as to them or foure of them wherof the ordinarie or his deputie and the Mayour to be twoo shalbe thought covenient to be a lyving for one honest Incumbent So that the cleare yerely value of eny one

Where in the auncient city, [and so on as in the original text] to the contrarie notwithstanding.

benefice whereunto such vnyon shalbe made excedes not upon suche vnyon made the yerely proffitt to the Incumbent of the same above fourtene poundes And that it shalbe lafull to the said Mayour Recorder and Justices or foure of them to pull downe the Churches whiche they shall thinke superfluous and shalbe so unyted in the said Citie and suburbes of the same, and to bestowe the same towards the reparacions and enlargement of the other Churches, and the brydges within the same Citie and to the releif of the poore people there. And further that the ordinarie or his deputie and the Mayour for the tyme ther being, the Recorder, Justices of peace or foure of them, wherof the ordinarie or his deputie and the Mayer to be twoo of them, shall by there sufficient writinges allotte and appoynt the presentment and patronages of the Churches so unyted to the patrons of euery of the churches so unyted and made in one parisshe as of the Church or Churches wherunto such unyon shalbe made, that they make there presentmentes by tourne euery one according to their quantitie and right of his or ther former patronage, as to the said ordinarye Mayor Recorder and Justices or foure of them shall seme convenient.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that the incumbent and Incumbentes of the Church or Churches wherunto any such parishe or parishes shalbe by auctoritie aforesaid unyted shall and may lafully receyue haue and take all and singuler such tythes oblacions proffittes and emolumentes as the Incumbentes of the said Churches so unyted might or ought to haue had yf no suche union had byn had or made. And that the said Incumbent or Incumbentes of euery parishe within the said Citie and the suburbes of the same Wherunto any such union shalbe made and euery of his or there successours shall yerely well and truly content and paie or cause to be contentid or paid to euery Incumbent and Incumbentes of the said parishes so to be unyted during their lyfes so much money as the third parte of the seid benefices so to be unyted after the rate they did pay tenthes for the same, did amounte unto, at or before the tyme of the union therof without deduccion or defalcacion of any tenthes for the same, And the same to be paid by the Incumbentes of euery such Church at two tymes in the yere, That is to say at thanunciacion of our lady and Seynt Michell Tharchaungell or within xx^{ti} dayes of euery of them by even porcions and for the not payment of the same yerely pencions at the said dayes he or they to whome

such pencions shuld be paid, shall and may have their accion of dett for the same in any of the Kinges Courtes of Recorde or in the Court of the said Cittie, Wherin he shall recouer his dett and double damages agaynst the said defendaunte, in which accions and auices the defendantes in the same shall not be receyved to wage their lawe nor no proteccion or essoynie shalbe for them admitted and allowed.

Provided also and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid that the Incumbentes of euery such Churche wherunto by vertue of this acte any other parishe or parisshe shalbe unyted shall after the union therof yerely paye the tenthes to be due to the kinges maiestie his heires and successours for the same Churche and for all other Churches therunto unyted and annexed, and the successor and successours of every such Incumbent of euery such churche wherunto any church or churches parisshe or parisshe shalbe unyted by force of this acte shall pay or compound for the first frutes therof at euery avoydaunce before his Induccion to the same according to such rate and value as such Church and the Churches therunto unyted by vertue of this acte were certified to be in yerely value upon the Certificate made for the payment of the first frutes and tenthes and of no greater value anny ordinaunce statute or lawe to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid that the Chauntour of the Cathedrall Church of Lyncolne aforesaid, to whome the parisshe Church of Saynt Peter in Estgate in Lyncolne aforesaid is appropriat and his successours shall for ever have hold and enioy all suche tythes offrynges proffittes and commodities as the said Chauntor or any of his predecessours at any tyme within foure yeres last past perceyved or enjoyed or of right ought to have perceyue and enioy And also that all and singuler Incumbent and Incumbentes of euery suche church wherunto any other parishe or parisshe shalbe unyted or annexed by force of this acte shall after the union and annexion therof paye yerely foreuer to all prebendaries and other ministers in the said Cathedrall Church of Lyncolne and to their successours and to the successours of euery of them all such tythes porcions pencions and other proffittes as they or any of them had and perceyued out of the said Churches whiche shalbe unyted or annexed to any other at any tyme within foure yeres next before the feast of seynt Michell tharchaungell last past, this present acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid that this acte shall extend only to suche unions whiche shalbe made of any of the Churches within the said Citie and Suburbes of the same by vertue of this acte at any tyme within six yeres next after this present session and not to any unions after that to be had and made, Anny thing in this present acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Ego Johannes Masone Miles deputatus Willelmi Pagett Prenobilis ordinis garterii militis Clerici Parlamentorum virtute brevis Regie Maiestatis de memorando hiis annexi certifico hunc superius scriptum verum esse tenorem actus parlamenti in eo brevi expressi. per me Jo: Masone.

Nos autem tenores brevis actus et indorsamenti predictorum ad requisicionem nunc Maioris Recordatoris et Aldermannorum Civitatis predictæ duximus exemplificandos per presentes.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium tercio decimo die Maij anno regni nostri tercio.

R. Southwell.

Examinatum per nos W. Grinysted et
Ricardum Rede—Clericos.

Imperfect great seal of Edward VI.

I, John Masone, knight deputy of William Pagett, Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, clerk of the parliaments by virtue of the king's majesty's writ of memorandum annexed hereunto certify this foregoing writing to be the true tenour of the act of parliament expressed in that writ.

By me: Jo. Masone.

We therefore have caused the tenours of the writ, act and endorsement aforesaid at the request of the present mayor, recorder and aldermen of the city aforesaid to be exemplified by these presents. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the thirteenth day of May in the third year of our reign.

R. Southwell.

Examined by us, W. Grinysted, and
Richard Rede, clerks.

CHARTER OF QUEEN ELIZABETH.

[13 December, 39th year, 1596.]

ELIZABETHA Dei gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina fidei Defensor etc. Omnibus ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem.

Cum quedam questiones et ambiguitates nuper orite fuerunt si Maior Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie pro tempore existens ac communis Clericus eiusdem Ciuitatis communiter vocatus the Towne Clarke aliter the Maiors Clarke pro tempore existens habeant potestatem iuxta formam statutorum de Acton Burnell' et de mercatoribus tempore Domini Edwardi primi quondam Regis Anglie progenitoris nostri editorum capiendi Recogniciones Debitorum secundum formam Statutorum predictorum easdemque Recogniciones sigillandi cum quodam sigillo ad hoc usitato unde nobis humillime supplicauerunt Maior Vicecomites Ciues et Communitas Ciuitatis predictae quatenus nos omnes questiones et Ambiguitates que deinceps circa validitatem Recognicionum iuxta formam statutorum predictorum infra predictam Ciuitatem Lincolnie capiendarum et circa Sigillationem earundem poterint oriri seu moueri tollere et submouere et quandam

ELIZABETH by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc. To all to whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

Whereas certain questions and ambiguities have lately arisen if the mayor of our city of Lincoln for the time being and the common clerk of the same city commonly called the "town clerk" otherwise the "mayor's clerk" for the time being have power, according to the form of the statutes of Acton Burnell and of merchants published in the time of the Lord Edward the First formerly king of England our progenitor, of taking recognisances of debts after the form of the statutes aforesaid, and of sealing the same recognisances with a certain seal used for this purpose, whereupon the mayors, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid have humbly besought us that we would decide and remove all questions and ambiguities which from henceforth could arise or be raised concerning the validity of recognisances after the form of the statutes aforesaid to be taken within the aforesaid city of Lincoln and concerning the sealing thereof, and grant, erect and establish a certain

certam et indubitatam potestatem formam et modum huiusmodi Recogniciones infra eandem Civitatem capiendi sigillandi et recordandi concedere erigere et stabilire velimus Nos eorum petitioni in hac parte gratiose annuentes De gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris Dedimus et concessimus ac pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus per presentes prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitati Ciuitatis Lincolnie predictae et successoribus suis Quod Maior Civitatis nostre Lincolnie predictae pro tempore existens et Clericus ad Recogniciones debitorum secundum formam Statuti Mercatorum et Statuti de Acton Burnell' accipiendas per nos per presentes deputatus aut appunctuatus habeant imperpetuum plenam potestatem et authoritatem capiendi et recipiendi quascunque Recogniciones et execucionem inde faciendi iuxta formam Statuti Mercatorum et Statuti de Acton Burnell' nuper editorum Necnon omnia alia faciendi et exequendi que vigore eorundem Statutorum seu eorum alterius ad aliquem Maiorem et ad aliquem Clericum ad Recognicionem debitorum secundum formam Statutorum predictorum vel eorum alterius appunctuandum vel eorum aliquem pertinent seu pertinere possint seu debeant, Et quod iidem Maior et Clericus pro tempore existentes de cetero imperpetuum

and undoubted power, form and manner of taking, sealing and recording such manner of recognisances within the same city.

We, graciously assenting to their petition on this behalf, of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, have given and granted and for ourselves, our heirs and successors, give and grant by these presents to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors That the mayor of our city of Lincoln aforesaid for the time being and the clerk by us by these presents deputed or appointed for the taking of recognisances of debts according to the form of the Statute of Merchants and of the Statute of Acton Burnell, have for ever full power and authority of taking and receiving any whatëver recognisances and of making execution thereof after the form of the Statute of Merchants and of the Statute of Acton Burnell lately published, moreover of making and executing all other things which appertain or can or ought to appertain, by force of the same statutes or of either of them, to any mayor and to any clerk to be appointed to the recognisance of debts in accordance with the form of the statutes aforesaid or of either of them, or to any of them. And that the same mayor and clerk for the time being henceforth and for

habeant et habebunt et vigore presencium conficient assumment et applicabunt vnum Sigillum de duabus peciis cuius vna pars erit maior pars et altera pars eiusdem erit minor pars ad Recogniciones predictas coram ipsis imposterum recognoscendas sigillandum secundum formam Statuti predicti de mercatoribus Quod quidem sigillum erit et appellabitur deinceps imperpetuum Sigillum nostrum heredum et successorum nostrorum ad Recogniciones predictas infra Ciuitatem predictam capiendas sigillandum Cuius quidem sigilli maior pars remanebit semper in Custodia Maioris eiusdem Ciuitatis pro tempore existentis Et altera pars eiusdem Sigilli videlicet minor pars eiusdem erit et remanebit imperpetuum in manibus Clerici pro tempore existentis per presentes deputati vel appunctuati ad Recogniciones predictas scribendum et irrotulandum. Et pro meliore execucione voluntatis nostre in hac parte ex speciali gracia certa sciencia et mero motu nostris volumus ac pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Ciuibus et Communitati Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie predictae et successoribus suis et ordinamus per presentes quod Leonardus Carre Generosus de cetero durante vita naturali eiusdem Leonardi Carre sit et erit Clericus noster

ever have and shall have and by force of these presents shall make, assume and apply one seal of two pieces, whereof one portion shall be the greater portion and the other portion shall be the less portion for sealing the recognisances aforesaid before them from henceforward to be recognised according to the form of the aforesaid Statute of Merchants which seal indeed shall be and shall be called henceforth and for ever the seal of us our heirs and successors for the sealing of the aforesaid recognisances to be taken within the city aforesaid. Of which seal indeed the greater portion shall remain always in the keeping of the mayor of the same city for the time being, and the other portion of the same seal, that is to say the lesser portion thereof, shall be and shall for ever remain in the hands of the clerk for the time being by these presents deputed or appointed for the writing and enrolling of the aforesaid recognisances.

And for the better execution of our will in this behalf and of our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion we will and for ourselves our heirs and successors we grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of our city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors and we ordain by these presents that Leonard Carre gentleman from henceforth during the natural life of the said Leonard Carre be and shall be the clerk of us our

heredum et successorum nostrorum ad Recogniciones Debitorum secundum formam statutorum predictorum et eorum alterius infra Civitatem predictam accipiendum scribendum et irrotulandum Ac ad minorem peciam sigilli predicti custodiendum Ac ad omnia alia faciendum et exequendum que ad aliquem Clericum ad Recognitionem Debitorum secundum formam statutorum predictorum vel eorum alterius appunctuatum pertinent facienda vel exequenda, Dictumque Leonardum Carre Clericum nostrum heredum et successorum nostrorum ad Recogniciones infra Civitatem predictam secundum formam Statutorum predictorum et eorum alterius accipiendum scribendum et irrotulandum, et ad minorem peciam Sigilli predicti custodiendum et ulterius ad omnia alia facienda et exequenda que ad aliquem Clericum ad Recogniciones Debitorum secundum formam Statutorum predictorum vel eorum alterius appunctuatum¹ pertinent facienda vel exequenda ad terminum et pro termino vite naturalis eiusdem Leonardi Carre pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris facimus ordinamus et constituimus per presentes.

Et ulterius volumus ac ex speciali gracia certa sciencia et mero motu nostris per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus

heirs and successors for the receiving, writing and enrolling of the recognisances of debts within the city aforesaid in accordance with the form of the aforesaid statutes and either of them, and for the keeping of the lesser portion of the seal aforesaid, And for the doing and executing of all other things which appertain to any clerk appointed to the recognisance of debts according to the form of the statutes aforesaid or of either of them to be done or made, And for ourselves our heirs and successors we make, ordain and constitute by these presents the said Leonard Carre clerk of us our heirs and successors for the receiving, writing and enrolling the recognisances within the aforesaid city in accordance with the form of the statutes aforesaid and of either of them, and for the keeping of the lesser portion of the seal aforesaid and further for the doing and executing of all other things which appertain to any clerk appointed to the recognisances of debts in accordance with the form of the statutes aforesaid or of either of them to be done or executed for the term and during the term of the natural life of the same Leonard Carre.

And further we will and of our especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors grant to the

¹ *appunctuata* in the original.

concedimus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Civibus et communitati dicte Civitatis nostre Lincolnie et eorum successoribus et per presentes ordinamus quod post decessum ipsius Leonardi Carre Communis Clericus communiter vocatus the Towne Clarke alias the Maiors Clarke eiusdem Ciuitatis nostre Lincolnie pro tempore existens sit et erit perpetuis futuris temporibus post mortem dicti Leonardi Carre Clericus noster heredum et successorum nostrorum ad Recogniciones Debitorum secundum formam Statutorum predictorum et eorum alterius accipiendum scribendum et irrotulandum Ac ad minorem peciam sigilli predicti custodiendum, et vltius ad omnia alia facienda et exequenda que ad aliquem Clericum ad Recognicionem Debitorum secundum formam Statutorum predictorum vel eorum alterius appunctuatum pertinent facienda vel exequenda Dictumque communem Clericum Ciuitatis predictae pro tempore existentem Clericum nostrum heredum et successorum nostrorum ad Recogniciones debitorum secundum formam Statutorum predictorum et eorum alterius infra Ciuitatem predictam accipiendum scribendum et irrotulandum, Ac ad minorem peciam Sigilli predicti custodiendum et vltius ad omnia alia facienda et exequenda que ad aliquem Clericum ad Recognicionem Debitorum secundum formam Statutorum predictorum vel

abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the said our city of Lincoln and their successors and by these presents ordain that after the decease of the same Leonard Carre the common clerk, commonly called the "town clerk" otherwise the "mayor's clerk," of the same our city of Lincoln for the time being be and shall be in perpetual future times after the death of the said Leonard Carre the clerk of us our heirs and successors for the accepting, writing and enrolling of the recognisances of debts in accordance with the form of the statutes aforesaid and either of them, and for the keeping of the lesser piece of the seal aforesaid, and also for the doing and performing of all other things which appertain to any clerk appointed to the recognisance of debts according to the form of the statutes aforesaid or either of them to be done or executed, And for ourselves, our heirs and successors by these presents we make, ordain and constitute the said common clerk of the city aforesaid for the time being clerk of us our heirs and successors for the accepting, writing and enrolling the recognisances of debts in accordance with the form of the statutes aforesaid and of either of them within the city aforesaid, and for the keeping of the lesser portion of the seal aforesaid, and further for the doing and executing of all other things which appertain to any clerk appointed to the recognisances of debts in accordance with the form of the statutes

eorum alterius appunctuatum pertinent facienda vel exequenda post mortem predicti Leonardi Carre pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris facimus ordinamus et constituimus per presentes Et quod predictus Leonardus Carre durante vita sua et post mortem ipsius Leonardi Carre Communis Clericus Ciuitatis predicte pro tempore existens deinceps imperpetuum sint et erunt Clerici ad Recogniciones Debitorum secundum formam Statutorum predictorum accipiendum Et quod idem Leonardus Carre durante vita sua et post eius mortem predictus Communis Clericus pro tempore existens habeant et habebunt potestatem et authoritatem omnia et singula faciendi et exequendi que ad officium clerici ad Recogniciones Debitorum secundum formam Statutorum predictorum deputati vigore eorundem Statutorum pertinent facienda et exequenda quovismodo. Et quod huiusmodi Recogniciones sic ut prefertur capte et recognite sint et erunt tanti et tam magni vigoris et effectus in lege quantum alique alie Recogniciones capte et recognite coram aliquibus aliis Maiore et Clerico vel aliis Officiariis alicuius alterius Civitatis sive burgi cuiuscunque infra Regnum nostrum Anglie secundum formam Statutorum predictorum sunt aut erunt vel esse debeant seu quocunque modo esse possint seu poterint Et quod prefatus Maior Civitatis predicte pro tempore existens et prefatus Leonardus Carre durante vita eiusdem Leonardi

aforesaid or of either of them to be done or executed after the death of the aforesaid Leonard Carre: And that the aforesaid Leonard Carre during his life and after the death of the same Leonard Carre the common clerk of the city aforesaid for the time being from henceforth for ever be and shall be clerks for the receiving of recognisances of debts according to the form of the statutes aforesaid, And that the same Leonard Carre during his life and after his death the aforesaid common clerk for the time being have and shall have power and authority of doing and executing all and singular the things which by force of the same statutes appertain to the office of a clerk appointed to the recognisances of debts according to the form of the statutes aforesaid to be done and executed in any way whatever.

And that such manner of recognisances thus as is aforesaid taken and recognised be and shall be of such and so great force and effect in law as any other recognisances taken and recognised before any others the mayor and clerk or others the officers of any other city or borough whatsoever within our realm of England according to the form of the statutes aforesaid are or shall be or ought to be or in any way whatever can or could be, And that the abovesaid mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being and the abovesaid Leonard

Carre et post eius decessum Maior eiusdem Ciuitatis et dictus Clericus eiusdem Ciuitatis pro tempore existentes et eorum quilibet omnia et singula alia quecunque que per Statuta predicta vel eorum alterum in ad vel circa huiusmodi Recogniciones appunctuantur fienda faciant et peragant faciat et peragat de cetero imperpetuum.

Et preterea concedimus per presentes prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Cuiibus et Communitati dicte Civitatis Lincolnie quod habeant et habebunt has literas nostras patentes sub magno sigillo Anglie debito modo factas et sigillatas absque fine seu feodo magno seu parvo nobis in hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad usum nostrum proinde quoquo modo reddendo soluendo seu faciendo.

Et quod expressa mencio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine premissorum sive eorum alicuius aut de aliis Donis siue concessionibus per nos aut per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Cuiibus et Communitati dicte Ciuitatis Lincolnie ante hec tempora factis in presentibus minime facta existit Aut aliquo statuto actu ordinacione proclamacione prouisione sive restriccionem in contrarium inde antehac habita facta edita ordinata siue provisa Aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunque in aliquo non obstante.

Carre during the life of the same Leonard Carre and after his decease the mayor of the same city and the said clerk of the same city for the time being and any of them from henceforth and for ever do and perform, one or more, all and singular other the things whatsoever which are appointed to be done by the statutes aforesaid or either of them in, at, or about such manner of recognisances.

And moreover we grant by these presents to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the said city of Lincoln that they have and shall have these our letters patent made and sealed under the great seal of England in due manner without in any way whatever yielding, paying or making therefor fine or fee great or small to us in our hanaper or to our use elsewhere.

Although express mention of the true yearly value or of the certainty of the premises or of any thereof or of other gifts or grants by us or by any one of our progenitors to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the said city of Lincoln before these times made in the presents does not stand made, or any statute, act, ordinance, proclamation, provision or restriction to the contrary thereof before this time had, made, published, ordained or provided, or any other thing, cause or matter whatsoever in any manner notwithstanding.

In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentēs.

Teste me ipsa apud Westmonasterium Tercio decimo die Decembris Anno regni nostri tricesimo nono.

Powle.

Per breve de privato sigillo et
de data predicta etc.

Imperfect great seal of Queen
Elizabeth, second type, appended
by black and white silk cords.
Bronze coloured wax.

On the back is written :—

A Perpetuytye for the Corporacōn of Lyncolne.

Powle.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the thirteenth day of December in the thirty-ninth year of our reign.

Powle.

By writ of privy seal and by afore-
said [authority] given, etc.

CHARTER OF KING CHARLES I.

[18 December, 4th year, 1628.]

CAROLUS Dei gratia Anglie Scotie Francie et Hibernie Rex fidei defensor et cetera.

Omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint Salutem.

Cum Civitas nostra Lincolnie in Comitatu Civitatis nostre Lincolnie a diu fuerit Civitas admodum antiqua et populosa Muribus et Turribus munita, et una ex primariis tocus Regni nostri Anglie Sedibus pro stapula et publico mercato lanarum vendibilium et mercatorum extraneorum confluencia ubi per medium urbis fluvius de Witham qui abinde sese in Oceanum effundit octo seperalibus arcubus lapideis constructis adornetur, Ac Cives Civitatis illius diversas libertates franchises immunitates custumas et preheminencias tam infra eandem Civitatem Suburbia et libertates ejusdem quam infra seperales Portus tocus Comitatus nostri Lincolnensis habuerunt usi et gavisii fuerunt tam ratione vel pretexto diversarum prescripcionum usum et consuetudinum ibidem, a tempore cujus contrarij memoria hominum non existit usitatarum et approbatarum quam vertute et ratione

CHARLES by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith, et cetera.

To all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

Whereas our city of Lincoln in the county of our city of Lincoln for long has been a city of considerable antiquity and populous, fortified with walls and towers and one of the chief seats of the whole of our realm of England for the staple and public market of wools vendible and frequentation of merchant strangers where through the midst of the city the stream of the Witham, which pours itself from that place into the ocean, is adorned with eight several stone-built arches, And the citizens of that city have had, used and enjoyed divers liberties, franchises, immunities, customs and preeminences, as well within the same city, suburbs and liberties thereof as within the several ports of the whole of our county of Lincoln, both by reason of or reliance on divers prescriptions, uses and customs therein from the time to the contrary whereof the memory of man does not extend used and approved and by

diversarum Chartarum et literarum Patentium per progenitores et antecessores nostros nuper Reges et Reginas Anglie Civibus dicte Civitatis et successoribus suis per diversa nomina antehac factarum et concessarum,

Cumque Dilecti Subditi nostri Major Vicecomites et Communitas Civitatis nostre Lincolnie predicte nobis humilime supplicaverunt quod nos eisdem Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predicte et successoribus suis antiqua sua privilegia Curias libertates franchises Custumas et preheminencias a tempore predicto ibidem usitata et continuata ratificare, Necnon priores Chartas et Concessionones progenitorum et antecessorum nostrorum predictorum rite confirmare ac defectus ambiguitates et dubia in eisdem concessionibus accidentes explicare et res ibidem verbis non satis aptis vel non perticulariter expressas collustrare et in certitudinem redigere vellemus, Quodque nos pro meliori et certiori regimine gubernacione et melioracione Civitatis predicte dictos Majorem Vicecomites et Communitatem Civitatis illius in unum Corpus corporatum et politicum per certum nomen, videlicet per nomen Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie per literas nostras Patentes facere redigere creare et constituere dignaremur prout nobis melius videbitur expediri,

virtue and reason of divers charters and letters patent before this time made and granted by our progenitors and ancestors late kings and queens of England to the citizens of the said city and their successors by divers names,

And whereas our beloved subjects the mayor, sheriffs and commonalty of our city of Lincoln aforesaid have most humbly besought us that we would be willing to ratify to the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors their ancient privileges, courts, liberties, franchises, customs and preeminences from the time aforesaid there used and continued, also to fitly confirm the former charters and grants of our progenitors and ancestors aforesaid and to explain the defects, ambiguities and doubts happening in the same grants and to throw light upon and reduce into certainty the things therein expressed in words not sufficiently fitting or not particularly, And that we for the better and more certain rule, government and amelioration of the city aforesaid should deem it worthy to make, appoint, create and constitute, by our letters patent, the said mayor, sheriffs and commonalty of that city into one body corporate and politic by a certain name, that is to say, by the name of the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln, as to us will be seen to be the better expedient.

Nos igitur volentes quod de cetero imperpetuum in eadem Civitate Lincolnie continuo habeatur unus certus et indubitatus modus de et pro Custodia pacis ac bono regimine et gubernacione populi nostri ibidem, Et quod Civitas predicta de cetero imperpetuum sit et permaneat Civitas pacis et quietis ad formidinem et terrorem malorum et delinquencium et in premium bonorum, Et ut pax nostra ceteraque facta Justicie ibidem melius observentur Sperantesque quod si Cives et Inhabitantes Civitatis predictae et successores sui amplioribus ex concessione nostra libertatibus et privilegiis gaudeant et fruantur tunc ad servicia que poterint nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris impendendum et exhibendum specialius fortiusque senciant se obligatos, De gracia nostra speciali, ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris volumus ordinavimus constituimus declaravimus et concessimus, Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris volumus ordinamus declaramus concedimus et constitu[i]mus, Quod predicta Civitas nostra Lincolnie cum Suburbiis precinctibus et circuitu ejusdem de cetero imperpetuum erit libera Civitas de se, Et quod Cives et Inhabitantes Civitatis illius et Suburbiorum precinctuum et circuitus predictorum, per quodcunque nomen sive per quecunque nomina antehac incorporati fuerunt, ac utrum antehac incorporati fuerunt sive non, et successores sui de cetero imperpetuum sint et

We, therefore, willing that from henceforth for ever in the same city of Lincoln there be constantly had one certain and undoubted manner of and for the keeping of the peace and the good rule and government of our people therein, and that the city aforesaid from henceforth for ever be and remain a city of peace and quiet to the dread and terror of the wicked and delinquent and to the reward of the good, And that our peace and the rest of the deeds of justice therein be better observed, And hoping that if the citizens and inhabitants of the city aforesaid and their successors rejoice in and enjoy by our grant more ample liberties and privileges then they may feel themselves more especially and more strongly obliged to render and perform the services which are in their power to us our heirs and successors, of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion have willed, ordained, constituted, declared and granted, And by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors will, ordain, declare, grant and constitute, that the aforesaid our city of Lincoln with the suburbs, precincts and circuit thereof from henceforth for ever shall be a free city of itself, And that the citizens and inhabitants of that city and the suburbs, precincts and circuit aforesaid by whatever name or by whatever names before this time they have been incorporated, and whether hitherto they have been incorporated or not, and their successors from

erint unum Corpus incorporatum et politicum in re, facto et nomine, per nomen Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie, Et eos per nomen Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie unum corpus incorporatum et politicum in re, facto, et nomine, realiter et ad plenum pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris erigimus facimus ordinamus constitu[mu]s confirmamus et declaramus per presentes, Et quod per idem nomen habeant successionem perpetuam, Et quod ipsi per idem nomen Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ sint et erint perpetuis futuris temporibus persone habiles et in lege capaces ad habendum perquirendum recipiendum et possidendum terras tenementa libertates privilegia jurisdictiones franchises et hereditamenta cujuscunque generis nature vel speciei fuerint sibi et successoribus suis in feodo et perpetuitate, Ac eciam bona et catalla et quascunque alias res cujuscunque generis nature vel speciei fuerint, Necnon ad dandum concedendum dimittendum et assignandum terras tenementa et hereditamenta bona et catalla, acceciam ad omnia et singula alia facta et res faciendum et exequendum per nomen predictum, Et quod per idem nomen Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ placitare et implacitari respondere et responderi defendere et defendi valeant et possint

henceforth for ever be and shall be one body corporate and politic in deed, fact and name by the name of the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln, and then by the name of the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln we erect, make, ordain, constitute, confirm and declare by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors one body corporate and politic in deed, fact and name really and fully, And that by the same name they have perpetual succession, And that they by the same name of mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid be and shall be in perpetual future times persons able and in law capable to have, acquire, receive and possess lands, tenements, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions, franchises and hereditaments of any whatsoever kind, nature or sort they may be to themselves and their successors in fee and in perpetuity, And also goods and chattels and any other things whatsoever of whatsoever kind, nature or sort they may be, Also to give, grant, demise and assign lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels, and also to make and perform all and singular other deeds and things by the name aforesaid, And that by the same name of the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid they may and can plead and be impleaded, reply and be replied to, defend and be

in quibuscunque Curijs et locis et coram quibuscunque Justiciariis Judicibus et aliis personis et Officiariis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum in omnibus sectis querelis placitis causis materijs et demaundis realibus personalibus et mixtis quibuscunque tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus cujuscunque sint generis nature vel speciei eisdem modo et forma prout alij ligei nostri hujus regni nostri Anglie persone habiles et in lege capaces placitare et implacitari respondere et responderi defendere et defendi, ac habere perquirere recipere possidere dare concedere et dimittere valeant et possint, Et quod Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas Civitatis predictæ et successores sui habeant imperpetuum commune Sigillum pro causis et negocijs suis et successorum suorum quibuscunque agendis deservitutum, Et quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictæ et successoribus suis Sigillum illud ad libitum suum de tempore in tempus frangere mutare et de novo facere prout eis melius fieri et fore videbitur,

Cumque Dominus Edwardus nuper Rex Anglie quartus Antecessor noster per literas suas Patentes gerentes datum apud Westmonasterium Quinto decimo die Februarij Anno regni sui quinto concesserit Majori Vicecomitibus et Communitati Civitatis predictæ et successoribus suis

defended in any whatsoever courts and places and before any whomsoever justices, judges and other persons and officers of us our heirs and successors in all suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands real, personal and mixed whatsoever, as well spiritual as temporal, be they of whatsoever kind, nature or sort in the same manner and form as others our lieges of this our realm of England persons able and in law capable may and can plead and be impleaded, reply and be replied to, defend and be defended, and have, acquire, receive, possess, give, grant and demise, And that the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors have for ever a common seal to serve for the executing of any whatever causes and business of them and their successors, And that it be and shall be well lawful to the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors at their pleasure from time to time to break, change and make anew that seal as it shall seem to them best to be and to be done.

And whereas the Lord Edward late king of England the fourth, our ancestor, by his letters patent bearing date at Westminster on the fifteenth day of February in the fifth year of his reign granted to the mayor, sheriffs and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors for ever that the

imperpetuum quod ville et villate de Braunston Waddington Bracebrigg et Canwick que tunc fuerunt infra et de Comitatu Lincolniensi a festo Pasche tunc proxime sequenti pro perpetuo essent distincte et seporate a corpore dicti Comitatus Lincolniensis ac annexe et unite Comitatus Civitatis predictae ac parcelle ejusdem Comitatus, et de ac infra Comitatum Civitatis illius ac libertates et precinctus ejusdem ac non de Comitatu Lincolniensi aut parcelle ejusdem, aut infra eundem Comitatum Lincolniensem deinceps existerent, Ex quo predictae ville et villate abinde semper hucusque usi fuerunt et continuerunt de et infra Comitatum Civitatis predictae et infra precinctus et jurisdictiones ejusdem Civitatis secundum veram intencionem et declaracionem dictarum literarum Patencium,

Cumque etiam a tempore cujus contrarij memoria hominum non existit usus et consuetudo infra predictam Civitatem Lincolniam fuerit quod quidam Cives ejusdem Civitatis ad hoc specialiter electi Commune Consilium ejusdem Civitatis fuerint pro meliori gubernacione Civitatis illius,

Nos ad humilem petitionem predictorum Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie predictae Volentes premissa in certitudinem et ordinem constanter reducere Volumus ac per

towns and townships of Branston, Waddington, Bracebridge and Canwick which then were within and of the county of Lincoln from the Feast of Easter then next ensuing for ever should be distinct and separate from the body of the said county of Lincoln and annexed and united to the county of the city aforesaid, and parcels of the same county, and from thenceforth should be of and within the county of that city and the liberties and precincts thereof and not of the county of Lincoln or parcels thereof or within the same county of Lincoln, Wherefore from which time the aforesaid towns and townships always up to the present have used to be and remained of and within the county of the city aforesaid and within the precincts and jurisdictions of the same city according to the true intent and declaration of the said letters patent,

And whereas from the time also to the contrary whereof the memory of man does not extend the use and custom within the aforesaid city of Lincoln was that certain citizens of the same city elected especially to this end were the common council of the same city for the better government of that city,

We, at the humble petition of the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid, Willing to reduce with constancy the premises to certainty and order, Will and by these presents for ourselves,

présentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ et successoribus suis quod Comitatus Civitatis Lincolnie et circuitus precinctus ambitus libertates franchises et Jurisdicciones ejusdem de cetero imperpetuum sint, ac se extendant et protendant ac extendere et protendere valeant et possint in et per dictam Civitatem Lincolnie Suburbia circuitum et precinctum ejusdem Civitatis, necnon in et per omnes illas villas et villatas de Braunston Waddington Bracebrigg alias Bracebridge et Canwicke ac quamlibet inde partem sive parcellam, et per totum extentum et circuitum earundem villarum et villatarum quibuscunque nominibus predictæ ville et villata nuncupantur aut appellantur sive aliqua inde pars sive parcella nuncupatur aut appellatur, Quodque de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt infra Civitatem et Comitatum Civitatis predictæ quadraginta capitales Cives ad minus et non excedentes numerum quadraginta et quinque in toto de Civibus et liberis hominibus Civitatis predictæ in forma in hijs presentibus inferius expressa eligendi et constituendi qui unacum quatuor Camerariis Civitatis illius annuatim pro tempore existentibus erunt et nominabuntur Commune Consilium predictæ Civitatis Lincolnie, Quodque sint et erunt infra Civitatem et Comitatum Civitatis

our heirs and successors grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors that the county of the city of Lincoln and the circuit, precincts, boundaries, liberties, franchises and jurisdictions thereof for henceforth for ever be and extend and stretch forward themselves, and may and can extend and stretch forward in and throughout the said city of Lincoln, the suburbs, circuit and precinct of the same city, also in and throughout all those towns and townships of Branston, Waddington, Bracebrigg otherwise Bracebridge, and Canwick and any whatever part or parcel thereof, and throughout the whole extent and circuit of the same towns and townships by whatsoever names the aforesaid towns and townships are named or called or any part or parcel thereof is named or called, And that from henceforth for ever there be and shall be, within the city and county of the city aforesaid, forty chief citizens at the least and not exceeding the number of five and forty in the whole to be elected and appointed from among the citizens and freemen of the city aforesaid after the form expressed below in these presents, who, together with the four chamberlains of that city yearly for the time being, shall be and shall be named the common council of the aforesaid city of Lincoln, And that there be and shall be within the city and county of the city aforesaid thirteen

predicte tresdecim de melioribus Civibus predictis existentes de communi Consilio ejusdem Civitatis in forma hic inferius similiter mencionata eligendi et constituendi, qui pro tempore erunt et nominabuntur Aldermanni Civitatis predictæ, Quodque sit et erit unus de Aldermanis predictis in forma in hijs presentibus inferius specificata eligendus et constituendus qui erit et nominabitur Major Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ, Quodque sint et erunt infra Civitatem et Comitatum Civitatis predictæ duo alij de Civibus et liberis hominibus ejusdem Civitatis in forma hic inferius eligendi et constituendi, qui erunt et vocabuntur Vicecomites Civitatis Lincolnie et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis, Quodque Vicecomites illi quamdiu in Officio illo Vicecomitatus Civitatis predictæ continuabunt erunt de comuni Consilio Civitatis predictæ et infra predictum numerum non excedentem quadraginta quinque Communium Consiliariorum annumerandi et includendi, Quodque sint et erunt infra Civitatem et Comitatum Civitatis predictæ quatuor alij de Civibus Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ qui Officium Vicecomitis et non Officium Majoris ibidem subierunt in forma in hijs presentibus inferius mencionata eligendi et constituendi qui erunt et nominabuntur Coronatores Civitatis et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis, Quodque sint et erunt infra Civitatem predictam

of the better citizens aforesaid, being members of the common council of the same city to be elected and appointed after the form here below in like manner mentioned, who for the time shall be and shall be named aldermen of the city aforesaid, And that there be and shall be one of the aldermen aforesaid after the form in these presents below specified to be elected and appointed who shall be and shall be named mayor of the city of Lincoln aforesaid, And that there be and shall be within the city and county of the city aforesaid two others of the citizens and freemen of the same city to be elected and appointed after the form herein below, who shall be and shall be called the sheriffs of the city of Lincoln and of the county of the same city, and that those sheriffs, so long as they shall remain in that office of shrievalty of that city aforesaid shall be members of the common council of the city aforesaid and numbered and included within the aforesaid number not exceeding forty-five of the common councillors, And that there be and shall be within the city and county of the city aforesaid four others of the citizens of the city of Lincoln aforesaid who have therein exercised the office of sheriff and not the office of mayor to be elected and appointed after the form in these presents below mentioned, who shall be and shall be named coroners of the city and county of the same city, And that there

quatuor alij de Civibus et liberis hominibus Civitatis illius qui Officium Vicecomitis dicte Civitatis nunquam subierunt in forma subsequenti annuatim eligendi et constituendi qui erunt et vocabuntur Camerarij Civitatis predictæ, Quodque Camerarij dicte Civitatis pro tempore existentes tam presentes quam futuri sint et erunt de Comuni Consilio Civitatis illius quamdiu in Officio illo Camerarij predicti continuabunt ultra predictum numerum non excedentem quadraginta quinque in toto superius per presentes limitatum et ordinatum, Quodque reliqui duodecim Aldermani dicte Civitatis pro tempore existentes erunt de tempore in tempus respective in Consilio assistentes et auxiliantes Majori dicte Civitatis pro tempore existenti in omnibus rebus causis negocijs et materijs quibuscunque dictam Civitatem vel regimen ejusdem tangentibus sive quoquomodo concernentibus, Quodque Vicecomites dicte Civitatis et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis pro tempore existentes et reliqui Civium et Communitatis de communi Consilio ejusdem Civitatis erunt et quilibet eorum erit de tempore in tempus assistentes et attendentes Majori et Aldermanis Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existentibus ad procedendum in omnibus rebus causis et negocijs dicte Civitatis et Comitatus ejusdem quandocunque per Mandatum Majoris Civitatis predictæ et in vacacione Officij illius per

be and shall be within the city aforesaid four others of the citizens and freemen of that city who have never exercised the office of sheriff of the said city to be elected and appointed after the form following every year, who shall be and shall be called chamberlains of the city aforesaid, And that the chamberlains of the said city for the time being, as well the present as those to come, be and shall be members of the common council of that city so long as they shall remain in that office of chamberlain aforesaid, beyond the aforesaid number not exceeding forty-five in all above limited and ordained by these presents, And that the remaining twelve aldermen of the said city for the time being shall be from time to time respectively in the council assisting and aiding the mayor of the said city for the time being in all things, causes, affairs and matters whatsoever touching or in any manner whatever concerning the said city or the rule thereof, And that the sheriffs of the said city and county of the same city for the time being and the remainder of the citizens and commonalty members of the common council of the same city shall be and every one of them shall be from time to time assisting and attending upon the mayor and aldermen of the city aforesaid for the time being to proceed in all things, causes and matters of the said city and the county thereof whensoever by mandate of the mayor of the city

mandatum Aldermanorum Civitatis illius qui Officium Majoris ibidem subierunt vel majoris partis eorundem pro tempore existentium ad hoc summoniti seu vocati fuerint vel eorum aliquis summonitus et vocatus fuerit, Quodque Camerarij Civitatis predicte sint de tempore in tempus attendentes Majori Civitatis predicte pro tempore existenti in omnibus ad Officium suum respective pertinentibus sive spectantibus.

Et ulterius volumus ac per presentes ordinamus, Ac de uberiori gracia nostra speciali, Ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predicte et successoribus suis quod bene liceat et licebit Majori et alijs de comuni Consilio Civitatis predicte pro tempore existentibus habere et tenere quandam domum Consiliariam vocatam le Guildhall Civitatis predicte, Quodque Major Civitatis predicte pro tempore existens quociens sibi opportunum et necessarium fore videbitur omnes et singulas personas de comuni Consilio Civitatis predicte pro tempore existentes per publicam summonicionem inde faciendam ibidem convocare et infra eandem domum sive infra aliam necessariam domum infra Civitatem predictam seu precinctus ejusdem ad hoc appunctuandam quandam

aforesaid and in the vacancy of that office by mandate of the aldermen of that city who have exercised therein the office of mayor or the greater part of the same for the time being they shall have been, one or more of them, summoned or called for this purpose, And that the chamberlains of the city aforesaid be from time to time attending upon the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being in all things respectively appertaining or belonging to his office.

And further we will and by these presents ordain, and of our more abundant especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion for ourselves, our heirs and successors grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors that it be and shall be well lawful to the mayor and the others, members of the common council of the city aforesaid for the time being, to have and to hold a certain council house called the Guildhall of the city aforesaid, And that the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being so often as it shall seem to him to be fitting and necessary can and may call together therein all and singular persons, members of the common council of the city aforesaid for the time being, by public summons to be made thereof, and hold within the same house or within another necessary house within the city aforesaid or the precincts thereof to be appointed for this purpose a certain

Curiam Communis Consilij sive Convocationem de eisdem Majore et tot de Communi Consilio predicto qui ibidem super summonicionem predictam presentes fuerint tenere possint et valeant¹, Quodque dicti Major et Comune Consilium Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existentes sic ibidem assemblati de Statutis legibus articulis et ordinacionibus Civitatis predictæ factis et fiendis, ac de omnibus aliis Civitatem et comitatum Civitatis predictæ ac bonum regimen statum et gubernacionem inde tangentibus vel concernentibus in Curia vel Consilio illo de tempore in tempus tractare discernere et consultare licite possint et valeant, Et quod Major Aldermani et reliqui Civium Civitatis et Communitatis de comuni Consilio Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existentes vel major pars eorum qui super summonicionem predictam ad hoc congregati et presentes fuerint et ubi suffragia illorum sic presentium fuerint equalia tot videlicet eorum existentia affirmativa quot sint eciam negativa tunc illa pars vel medietas illorum quorum Major Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existens unus fuerit habeant et habebunt plenam potestatem facultatem et auctoritatem corrigendi revocandi et annullandi de tempore in tempus leges ordinationes et constitutiones predictas factas minus sanas vel inutiles ac rei commodo seu bono regimini dicte Civitatis aut hominum ibidem

court of common council or convocation of the same mayor, and so many members of the common council aforesaid as shall have been present therein in pursuance of the summons aforesaid, And that the said mayor and common council of the city aforesaid for the time being thus therein assembled can and may in that court or council from time to time lawfully treat, discern and consult concerning the statutes, laws, articles and ordinances of the city aforesaid made and to be made, and of all other things touching or concerning the city and county of the city aforesaid and the good rule, estate and government thereof, And that the mayor, aldermen and remainder of the citizens of the city and commonalty members of the common council of the city aforesaid for the time being or the greater part thereof who in pursuance of the summons aforesaid shall have been congregated and present for this object, and where the votes of those thus present shall have been equal, so many that is to say of them being affirmative as be also negative, then that part or moiety of them of whom the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being shall be one, have and shall have full power, faculty and authority of correcting, revoking and annulling from time to time the laws, ordinances and constitutions aforesaid made less sound or useless and not serving for the advantage of affairs or the good rule of the said city or the

¹ *Sic* in the original, but should be *possit et valeat*.

non deservientes, ac condendi constituendi ordinandi faciendi et stabiliendi leges ordinationes constitutiones et Statuta rationabilia quecunque que eis bona salubria utilia honesta et necessaria juxta eorum sanas discreciones fore videbuntur pro bono regimine et gubernacione Civium et Artificum et Inhabitancium Civitatis predictæ et Comitatus Civitatis predictæ, Ac pro declaracione quo modo et ordine predicti Maior Vicecomites Cives et Communitas ac Artifices Inhabitantes et residui Civitatis predictæ et Comitatus Civitatis predictæ in Officijs Misterijs et Negocijs suis infra Civitatem predictam Suburbia et Precinctus ejusdem ac infra Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis sese habeant gerent et utentur ac aliter pro ulteriori bono et publica utilitate et regimine Civitatis predictæ ac victualiacione ejusdem, Ac eciam pro meliori preservacione gubernacione disposicione locacione et dimissione terrarum tenementorum possessionum revencionum et hereditamentorum prefatorum Maioris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis predictæ illis vel Predecessoribus suis antehac datorum concessorum assignatorum collatorum seu confirmatorum aut eis vel successoribus suis inposterum dandorum concedendorum assignandorum sive confirmandorum, ac res et causas alias quascunque Civitatem et Comitatum predictos aut Statum jus et interesse ejusdem

men therein, and of framing, constituting, ordaining, making and establishing laws, ordinances, constitutions and statutes reasonable of all kinds whatsoever which shall seem to them to be good, wholesome, useful, honest and necessary according to their sound discretion for the good rule and government of the citizens and artificers and inhabitants of the city aforesaid and of the county of the city aforesaid, And for the declaration in what manner and order the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty and the artificers, inhabitants and remainder of the city aforesaid and of the county of the city aforesaid have, carry and use themselves in their offices, mysteries and affairs within the city aforesaid, the suburbs and precincts thereof, and within the county of the same city and otherwise for the further good and public utility and rule of the city aforesaid and the victualling thereof, and also for the better preservation, government, disposition, letting and demising of lands, tenements, possessions, revenues and hereditaments of the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid to them or their predecessors before this time given, granted, assigned, conferred or confirmed, or to them or their successors hereafter to be given, granted, assigned or confirmed, and other matters and causes whatsoever touching or in any way whatsoever concerning the city and county aforesaid or the state, right and interest of the same city and county

Civitatis et Comitatus Civitatis predicte tangentes sive quoquomodo concernentes, Quodque Maior et illi Cives de comuni Consilio Civitatis predicte pro tempore existentes vel major pars eorum et ubi suffragia illorum sic in Consilio presencium fuerint equalia, tunc illa pars vel medietas illorum de comuni Consilio predicto adtunc presencium quorum Major Civitatis predicte pro tempore existens unus fuerit quociescunque huiusmodi leges statuta et ordinaciones condiderunt fecerunt ordinaverunt et stabiliaverunt in forma predicta huiusmodi rationabiles penas et puniciones per imprisonment corporis vel per fines et amerciamenta vel per eorum utrumque erga et super omnes Offensores et Delinquentes contra huiusmodi leges statuta ordinaciones sive eorum aliquod vel aliqua imponere et assidere possint quales et que dictis Majori et comuni Consilio pro tempore existentibus vel tali majori parti eorum ut prefertur rationabilia et requisita fore videbuntur, ac eadem execucione demaundare, ac eciam fines et amerciamenta illa levare et habere possint et valeant ad usum dictorum Maioris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis predicte per discrecionem sive alio quocunque legali modo prout eis melius fieri et fore videbitur absque impedimento nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum vel aliquorum Officiariorum sive Ministrorum nostrorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunque, dum-

of the city aforesaid, And that the mayor and those citizens members of the common council of the city aforesaid for the time being or the greater part thereof, and where the votes of them thus present in the council shall have been equal then that part or moiety of those members of the common council aforesaid at that time present, of whom the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being shall be one, so often as they have framed, made, ordained and established such manner of laws, statutes and ordinances in form aforesaid, can impose and fix such manner of reasonable penalties and punishments by imprisonment of body or by fines and amercements or by both of them against and upon all offenders and delinquents against such manner of laws, statutes and ordinances or any one or more thereof, such as and which to the said mayor and common council for the time being or to such greater part thereof as is aforesaid shall seem to be reasonable and requisite, and to deliver the same to be executed, and also can and may levy and have those fines and amercements to the use of the said mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid according to discretion, or by any other whatsoever lawful manner as shall seem to them the best to be done and to be, without impediment of us our heirs or successors or of any officers or ministers of us our heirs or successors whomsoever, provided that all and

modo omnia et singula hujusmodi leges statuta ordinaciones constitutiones imprisonment fines et amerciamenta sunt rationabilia et non sunt repugnancia aut contraria legibus seu statutis Regni nostri Anglie.

Et pro meliori execucione voluntatis nostre Regie in premissis Volumus constitu[i]mus et ordinamus per presentes quod Major Aldermani et coronatores Civitatis predicte modo existentes et reliqui Cives Civitatis illius qui antehac in communi Consilio ejusdem Civitatis electi fuerint et modo in plena vita et de comuni Consilio dicte Civitatis existunt sint et erunt de comuni Consilio ejusdem Civitatis et in Officio illo comunis Consilii Civitatis illius usque diem lune proximum post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli nunc proxime sequentem respective continuabunt, Quodque in et super predictum diem lune proximum post predictum festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli nunc proxime sequentem et exinde pro annis tunc subsequentibus Major Aldermani et Coronatores Civitatis illius qui eodem die sic forent et existunt, Necnon Dilecti nobis Ormundus Hill, Thomas Rosse, Richardus White, Stephanus Dawson, Willelmus Kent, Benedictus Anton, Edwardus Hill, Edwardus Beck, Robertus Marshall, Willelmus Watson, Christoferus Sawyer, Antonius Kent, Edwardus

singular such manner of laws, statutes, ordinances, constitutions, imprisonment, fines and amercements are reasonable and are not repugnant or contrary to the laws or statutes of our realm of England.

And for the better execution of our royal will in the premises We will, constitute and ordain by these presents that the mayor, aldermen and coroners of the city aforesaid now being and the remainder of the citizens of that city, who before this time shall have been elected in the common council of the same city, and now are in full life and members of the common council of the said city, be and shall be members of the common council of the same city, and in that office of the common council of that city shall respectively continue until Monday next after the feast of Saint Michael the archangel now next ensuing, And that on and upon the aforesaid Monday next after the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael the archangel now next ensuing and so forth for the years then ensuing the mayor, aldermen and coroners of that city who on that same day thus will be and are, also our beloved Ormund Hill, Thomas Rosse, Richard White, Stephen Dawson, William Kent, Benedict Anton, Edward Hill, Edward Beck, Robert Marshall, William Watson, Christopher Sawyer, Anthony Kent, Edward Tayler,

Tayler, Alexander Jolly, Edmundus Dawson, Jacobus Lawes, Johannes Farrer, Willelmus Bishop, Willelmus Wingreene, Richardus Tayler, Marcus Fen, Willelmus Marshall, Johannes Tooley, Johannes Hadney, Richardus Herd, et Willelmus Hooker Cives Civitatis predicte vel tot et tales eorum qui adtunc sint superstites sint et erint de Comuni Consilio Civitatis illius et in Officium comunium Consili[ari]orum Civitatis illius durantibus vitis suis naturalibus respective continuabunt nisi interim ab Officio illo modo et forma inferius ordinatis amovebuntur vel eorum aliquis amovebitur.

Assignavimus eciam nominavimus constituimus fecimus et declaravimus ac per presentes assignamus nominamus constitu[i]mus confirmamus facimus et declaramus dilectum nobis Ambrosium Ricroft modo Majorem Civitatis predicte, Robertum Mason, Thomam Swift, Robertum Morcroft, Richardum Knifsmith, Edwardum Okley, Willelmum Salomon, Edwardum Blawe, Antonium Hare, Edmundum Burgh, Stephanum Mason, Robertum Beck et Richardum Somerby fore et esse tresdecim presentes et modernos Aldermanos Civitatis predicte continuandos in Officiis illis Aldermanorum Civitatis illius durantibus vitis suis naturalibus nisi interim ab Officiis illis Aldermanorum ipsi vel eorum aliquis vel aliqui modo et forma per presentes inferius ordinatis amovebuntur vel amovebitur.

Alexander Jolly, Edmund Dawson, James Lawes, John Farrer, William Bishop, William Wingreene, Richard Tayler, Mark Fen, William Marshall, John Tooley, John Hadney, Richard Herd and William Hooker, citizens of the city aforesaid or so many and such of them who at that time be surviving be and shall be members of the common council of that city and in the office of common councillors of that city shall during their natural lives respectively continue unless in the meantime from that office in manner and form ordained below they be amoved or any one thereof be amoved.

We have also assigned, named, constituted, made and declared, and by these presents we assign, name, constitute, confirm, make and declare our beloved Ambrose Ricroft now mayor of the city aforesaid, Robert Mason, Thomas Swift, Robert Morcroft, Richard Knifsmith, Edward Okley, William Salomon, Edward Blawe, Anthony Hare, Edmund Burgh, Stephen Mason, Robert Beck, and Richard Somerby to be about to be and to be the thirteen present and existing aldermen of the city aforesaid to be continued in those offices of aldermen of that city during their natural lives unless in the meantime from those offices of aldermen they or any one or more of them after the manner and form by these presents ordained below shall be, one or more of them, amoved.

Assignavimus eciā nominavimus constituimus fecimus et declaravimus, Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constitu[i]mus et declaramus predictum Ambrosium Ricroft fore et esse presentem et modernum Majorem dicte Civitatis suburbiorum et libertatum ejusdem, Volentes quod ipse idem Ambrosius Ricroft in Officium Majoris dicte Civitatis erit et continuabit usque ad meridiem diei Festi Sancti Michaelis Archangeli nunc proxime sequentis et abinde quousque alius secundum formam in presentibus expressam in Officium Majoris electus et prefectus fuerit si idem Ambrosius Ricroft tamdiu vixerit. Necnon assignavimus nominavimus constituimus fecimus et declaravimus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constitu[i]mus facimus et declaramus dilectos nobis Alexandrum Jolly et Thomam Feild modo Vicecomites fore et esse presentes et modernos Vicecomites Civitatis predicte et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis continuandos in Officiis illis usque ad meridiem diei sive Festi Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proxime sequentis post datum presencium si tamdiu vixerint et abinde quousque duo alii secundum formam in presentibus expressam in Officiis Vicecomitum electi et prefecti fuerint, si idem Alexander¹ Jolly et Thomas Feild tamdiu vixerint.

We have also assigned, named, constituted, made and declared, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors assign, name, constitute and declare the aforesaid Ambrose Ricroft to be about to be and to be the present and existing mayor of the said city, the suburbs and liberties thereof, Willing that he the same Ambrose Ricroft shall be and shall continue in the office of mayor of the said city until the noon of the day of the feast of Saint Michael the archangel now next ensuing and so onward until another according to the form in these presents expressed shall have been elected and preferred into the office of mayor, if the same Ambrose Ricroft shall so long have lived, Also we have assigned, named, constituted, made and declared, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors assign, name, constitute, make and declare our beloved Alexander Jolly and Thomas Feild now sheriffs to be about to be and to be the present and existing sheriffs of the city aforesaid and of the county thereof to be continued in those offices until the noon of the day or feast of Saint Michael the archangel next ensuing after the date of these presents if they shall so long have lived, and so forward until two others in accordance with the form in these presents expressed shall have been elected and preferred in the offices of sheriffs if the same Alexander Jolly and Thomas Feild so long have lived.

¹ *Sic* in the original.

Assignavimus eciam nominavimus constituimus fecimus et declaravimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constitu[i]mus facimus et declaramus Dilectos nostros Richardum Somerby, Samuel Houghton, Thomam Cumberland, et Willelmum Price modo Coronatores Civitatis predicte et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis fore et esse presentes et modernos Coronatores Civitatis illius et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis continuandos in Officiis illis Coronatorum Civitatis et Comitatus predictorum durantibus vitis suis naturalibus nisi interim ab officiis illis Coronatorum ipsi vel eorum aliquis vel aliqui modo et forma inferius per presentes ordinatis amovebuntur vel amovebitur.

Necnon assignavimus nominavimus constituimus fecimus et declaravimus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constitu[i]mus facimus et declaramus Dilectos nobis Johannem Beck, Willelmum Lambe, Samuelem Browne et Willelmum Pell' modo Camerarios Civitatis predicte fore et esse presentes et modernos Camerarios Civitatis predicte continuandos in Officiis illis usque ad meridiem diei lune proxime sequentis post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli nunc proxime futurum et abinde quousque alii secundum formam in presentibus expressam

We have also assigned, named, constituted, made and declared, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors assign, name, constitute, make and declare, our beloved Richard Somerby, Samuel Houghton, Thomas Cumberland, and William Price, now the coroners of the city aforesaid and of the county of the same city to be about to be and to be the present and existing coroners of that city and of the county of the same city to be continued in those offices of coroners of the city and county aforesaid during their natural lives unless in the meantime from those offices of coroners they or any one or more of them after the manner and form below by these presents ordained shall be amoved or any one of them shall be amoved.

Moreover we have assigned, named, constituted, made and declared, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors assign, name, constitute, make and declare our beloved John Beck, William Lambe, Samuel Browne, and William Pell, now the chamberlains of the city aforesaid, to be about to be and to be the present and existing chamberlains of the city aforesaid to be continued in those offices until the noon of Monday next ensuing after the feast of Saint Michael the archangel now next about to be, and so forward until others in accordance with the form in these

in Officiis Camerariorum tunc vacantibus electi et prefecti fuerint nisi interim ab Officiis illis Camerariorum ipsi vel eorum aliquis sive aliqui modo et forma per presentes inferius ordinatis amovebuntur vel amovebitur.

Volumus eciam ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ et successoribus suis, ac per presentes constitu[i]mus et ordinamus quod annualis electio et nominacio tam Majoris Civitatis predictæ quam Vicecomitum Civitatis illius et Comitatus ejusdem sit et erit quolibet anno in et super diem sive festum Exaltacionis Sancte Crucis in Guihalda Civitatis predictæ sive alia conveniente domo ad hoc providenda, Quodque bene liceat et licebit Majori et Comuni Consilio Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existentibus vel majori parti illorum qui ad hoc super publicam summonicionem in domo predicta congregati et presentes fuerint et interesse voluerint et in suffragiis equalibus illi parti illorum (quorum Major Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existens unus fuerit) quolibet die festivi exaltacionis Sancte crucis nominare et eligere unum de Aldermanis Civitatis predictæ

presents expressed shall have been elected and preferred in the offices of chamberlains then being vacant unless in the meantime from those offices of chamberlains they or any one or more of them after the manner and form by these presents below ordained shall be amoved or any one of them be amoved.

We will also and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors, and by these presents we constitute and ordain, that the annual election and nomination as well of the mayor of the city aforesaid as of the sheriffs of that city and of the county thereof be and shall be in every year on and upon the day or feast of the Exaltation of Holy Cross in the Guildhall of the city aforesaid or in another convenient house to be provided for this purpose, and that it be and shall be well lawful to the mayor and common council of the city aforesaid for the time being or to the greater part of them, who for this purpose upon public summons shall have been congregated and present in the house aforesaid, and shall have been willing to take part therein, and in the case of equal votes to that part of them of whom the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being shall be one, on each festival day of the Exaltation of Holy Cross to nominate and elect one of the aldermen of the city aforesaid for the time being to be about

pro tempore existentibus fore et esse Majorem Civitatis predictæ pro uno anno integro a meridie diei festivalis Sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proxime sequentis ac modo et forma sequentibus eligendum videlicet, quod ille qui gradu et ordine senior est inter Aldermanos Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existentes qui antea Officium Majoratus ibidem non subierit, (si in sese Officium illud suscipere voluerit), Et in casu Recusacionis hujusmodi Aldermani tunc proximus senior Aldermanus gradu et ordine qui Officium illud Majoris nunquam antea subierit (si in sese Officium illud suscipere voluerit) et sic in casu recusacionis hujusmodi Aldermani ille qui proximus senior Aldermanus gradu et ordine predictis fuerit in Officium illud Maioratus (si illud in se suscipere voluerit) eligetur in Majorem dictæ Civitatis, Et in casu ubi omnes Aldermani dictæ Civitatis pro tempore existentes qui Officium Majoratus tunc antea non exercuerunt Officium illud in sese suscipere renuerunt, aut si contig[er]et nullum fore talem Aldermanum superviventem qui dictum Officium antea non subivit, Quod tunc ex Aldermanis dictæ Civitatis pro tempore existentibus qui Officium illud Majoratus semel tantum antea subiverunt, ille qui senior gradu et ordine extiterit (si Officium illud in se suscipere voluerit) eligetur in Majorem Civitatis predictæ,

to be and to be mayor of the city aforesaid for one whole year from the noon of the festival day of Saint Michael the archangel then next ensuing and after the manner and form following to be elected, that is to say, that he who by degree and order is the elder among the aldermen of the city aforesaid for the time being, who has not up to that time exercised therein the office of mayoralty, if he shall be willing to take that office upon himself, And in case of the refusal of such an alderman then the next alderman elder in degree and order, who up to that time has never exercised that office of mayor, if he shall be willing to take that office upon himself, and so in case of the refusal of such an alderman he who shall be next alderman elder in degree and order aforesaid into that office of the mayoralty, if he shall be willing to take that upon himself, shall be elected as mayor of the said city, And in case where all the aldermen of the said city for the time being who have not up to that time exercised that office of mayoralty have refused to take that upon himself, or if it might happen that there be no such alderman surviving who has not up to that time exercised the said office, that then from among the aldermen of the said city for the time being who have up to that time exercised once only that office of mayoralty, he who shall stand the elder in degree and order if he shall be willing to take that office on himself shall be elected as mayor of the city aforesaid, And so on successively in

Et sic successive gradu et ordine quousque aliquis Aldermanus Civitatis illius qui bis vel pluries Officium illud Majoratus antea subivit in Majorem ejusdem Civitatis eligetur.

Habendum et tenendum Officium illud a meridie diei sive festi sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proxime futuri pro uno Anno integro tunc proxime sequenti si tamdiu vixerit nisi interim ab officio illo legitime amotus fuerit.

Et volumus quod quilibet in Majorem Civitatis predictæ sic electus coram Majore Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existente, et in ejus absencia coram quatuor vel pluribus Aldermanorum Civitatis illius adtunc ibidem presentibus sacramentum suum corporale ad Officium illud Majoratus pro anno subsequenti secundum antiquam consuetudinem ibidem vsitatam et approbatam fideliter exequendum in presencia tot de comuni Consilio dicte Civitatis qui interesse voluerint publice et solempniter prestabit, Cui quidem Majori et in ejus absencia ceteris Aldermanis vel quatuor vel pluribus eorum pro tempore existentibus hujusmodi sacramentum illi sic in Majorem de novo electo administrandi plenam potestatem facultatem et auctoritatem pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus per presentes, Et quandocunque contigerit aliquem Majorem

degree and order until any alderman of that city who up to that time has exercised that office of mayoralty twice or more often shall be elected as mayor of the same city.

To have and to hold that office from the noon of the day or feast of Saint Michael the archangel then next about to be for one whole year then next ensuing if he shall so long have lived unless in the meantime from that office he shall have been lawfully amoved.

And we will that any one soever thus elected as mayor of the city aforesaid before the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being, and in his absence before four or more of the aldermen of that city at that time therein present shall take publicly and solemnly his bodily oath in the presence of so many members of the common council of the said city who shall have willed to take part thereat, faithfully to perform that office of the mayoralty for the year ensuing in accordance with the ancient custom therein used and approved, To which mayor indeed, and in his absence to the rest of the aldermen or to four or more of them for the time being, by these presents we give and grant for ourselves, our heirs and successors, full power, faculty and authority of administering such manner of oath to him thus newly elected to be mayor, And whensoever it shall have happened

Civitatis predicte tempore Majoratus sue, aut postquam electus fuerit in Majoratum ejusdem Civitatis obire vel Officio suo legitime amoveri, Quod tunc immediate post hujusmodi Majorem¹ vel hujusmodi in Majorem pro anno sequenti ut prefertur electi mortem vel amocionem, alter Aldermanus dicte Civitatis scilicet proximus in gradu et ordine, (respectu ad modum et formam eleccionis predictos habito) per majorem partem comunis Consilij dicte Civitatis pro tempore existentis, qui ad hoc per publicam summonicionem convocati presentes fuerint et se interesse voluerint in majorem civitatis predicte eligetur et preficietur, ac habebit et exercebit officium illud Majoris durante residuo ejusdem Anni, videlicet, usque ad meridiem diei festivalis Sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proxime sequentis et abinde quousque alius secundum formam in presentibus expressam in Officium Majoratus electus et prefectus fuerit, si tamdiu vixerit, Sacramento corporali in forma predicta coram adtunc Majore vel in ejus absencia coram quatuor vel pluribus Aldermanis Civitatis predicte pro tempore existentibus prius prestito, Quibus quidem Majori et Aldermanis hujusmodi Sacramentum administrandi plenam potestatem et auctoritatem pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus per presentes absque aliqua commissione

that any mayor of the city aforesaid in the time of his mayoralty, or after that he shall have been elected into the mayoralty of the same city, dies or is lawfully amoved from his office, That then immediately after the death or amoval of such mayor or of such one elected as is aforesaid to be mayor for the year ensuing, another alderman of the said city, to wit, the next in degree and order—respect being had to the manner and form of election aforesaid—shall be elected and preferred by the greater part of the common council of the said city for the time being, who being called together for this purpose by public summons shall have been present and willing to take their part thereat, to be mayor of the city aforesaid, and shall have and exercise that office of mayor during the remainder of the same year, that is to say, until the noon of the festival day of Saint Michael the archangel then next ensuing and from that time forward until another shall have been elected and preferred to the office of the mayoralty according to the form expressed in these presents if he shall so long have lived, first having taken bodily oath in form aforesaid before the then mayor or in his absence before four or more aldermen of the city aforesaid for the time being, to which mayor indeed and aldermen we give and grant by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors full power and authority of administering such manner of oath without

¹ *Sic* in the original, but should be *Majoris*.

vel ulteriori warranto a nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris in ea parte procurando vel obtinendo, Et hoc quocienscunque casus sic acciderit, Et quod insuper in predicto die festivali exaltacionis sancte Crucis duo de Civibus et liberis hominibus Civitatis predictæ qui Officium Camerarii et non Officium Aldermani ejusdem Civitatis antetunc executi fuerunt quolibet anno nominentur et eligantur in Officium Vicecomitis Civitatis predictæ et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis videlicet prior eorum per talem personam qualis eodem die prius nominabitur in Majorem dicte Civitatis pro anno tunc sequenti, alter¹ vero eorundem nominabitur et eligetur modo et forma sequentibus, scilicet Major Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existens et Aldermani ejusdem Civitatis qui Officium Majoratus prius subierunt vel Major pars eorum qui in eleccione illa presentes fuerint et in tali eleccione se interesse voluerint, et in paritate suffragiorum illa pars eorum quorum Major pro tempore existens unus fuerit, ex Calendario Nominum Civium et liberorum hominum Civitatis predictæ qui Officium Camerarii et non Officium Aldermani ejusdem Civitatis antetunc executi fuerunt quinque selectos Cives Reliquis de Communi Consilio Civitatis predictæ adtunc et ibidem interessentibus presenta-

procuring or obtaining any commission or further warrant from us our heirs or successors in that behalf, And this so often as the case thus shall have arisen : And that moreover on the aforesaid festival day of the exaltation of Holy Cross two of the citizens and freemen of the city aforesaid who before that time have executed the office of chamberlain and not the office of alderman of the same city be named and elected every year to the office of sheriff of the city aforesaid and of the county of the same city, that is to say the former of them by such person as on the same day shall first of all have been nominated to be mayor of the said city for the year then ensuing, but the other of the same shall be nominated and elected in the manner and form following, to wit, the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being and the aldermen of the same city who have formerly exercised the office of the mayoralty or the greater part of them who shall have been present in that election and willed to occupy themselves in such election, and in case of equality of votes that part of them of whom the mayor for the time being shall be one, shall present, out of the calendar of the names of the citizens and freemen of the city aforesaid who up to that time had executed the office of chamberlain and not the office of alderman of the same city, five selected citizens to the remainder of the common council of the city aforesaid at

¹ *altero* in the original.

bunt, Ex quibus quidem quinque sic selectis Civibus unus eorum in secundum Vicecomitem Civitatis illius pro Anno sequente eligitur per predictum Majorem Civitatis predicte et predictos Aldermanos ejusdem Civitatis et reliquos de Comuni Consilio Civitatis predicte ibidem tunc congregatos et presentatos existentes vel per majorem partem eorum sic interessencium, Et in paritate suffragiorum per illam partem vel medietatem illorum quorum Major Civitatis illius pro tempore existens unus fuerit, Et si et quodcumque acciderit personam predictam sic in Majorem Civitatis predicte de novo electum in nominacione et eleccione hujusmodi primi predictorum duorum Vicecomitum deficere, Quod tunc eleccio amborum eorundem Vicecomitum fiet modo et forma sequentibus videlicet, Major Civitatis predicte pro tempore existens et Aldermani ejusdem Civitatis qui Officium Majoratus prius subierunt vel major pars eorum qui in eleccione illa presentes fuerunt et in paritate suffragiorum illa pars eorum, quorum Major pro tempore existens unus fuerit, ex Calendario nominum Civium et liberorum hominum Civitatis predicte qui officium Camerarii et non officium Aldermani ejusdem Civitatis antetunc executi fuerint sex selectos Cives reliquis de comuni Consilio Civitatis predicte adtunc et ibidem interessentibus presentabunt, ex

that time and therein being present, out of which five citizens thus indeed elected one of them shall be elected to be the second sheriff of that city for the year ensuing by the aforesaid mayor of the city aforesaid and the aforesaid aldermen of the same city and the remainder of the common council of the city aforesaid therein at that time congregated and presented or by the greater part of them thus taking part thereat, And in case of the equality of the votes by that part or moiety of them of whom the mayor of that city for the time being shall be one : And if and whensoever it shall have happened that the person aforesaid thus newly elected to be mayor of the city aforesaid fails in the nomination and election of such first one of the aforesaid two sheriffs, that then the election of both of the same sheriffs shall be made after the manner and form following, that is to say, the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being and the aldermen of the same city who have previously executed the office of the mayoralty or the greater part of them who shall have been present at that election, and in the case of equality of the votes that part of them of whom the mayor for the time being shall be one, shall present from the calendar of the names of the citizens and freemen of the city aforesaid who shall have executed the office of chamberlain and not the office of alderman of the same city before that time six selected citizens to the remainder of the common council of the city aforesaid at that time and therein taking part, from which

quibus quidem sex selectis Civibus duo eorum in Vicecomites Civitatis illius pro anno sequenti eligentur per predictum Maiorem Civitatis predictæ, et predictos Aldermanos ejusdem Civitatis et reliquos de comuni Consilio Civitatis predictæ ibidem tunc congregatos et presentes existentes vel per maiorem partem eorum sic interessentium, et in paritate suffragiorum per illam partem vel medietatem illorum, quorum Major Civitatis illius pro tempore existens unus fuerit,

Quodque tales due persone in Vicecomites Civitatis predictæ sic ut prefertur electe et prefecte ad Officium illud exequendum admittentur in meridie diei festivalis sancti Michaelis Archangeli proxime post electionem suam predictam pro uno Anno integro exinde sequenti si tamdiu vixerit. Et quod electio Camerariorum dicte Civitatis exnunc annuatim imperpetuum fiet per Majorem Civitatis illius pro tempore existentem in die lune proximo post festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli de melioribus Civibus Civitatis predictæ qui tempore talis electionis Officium Vicecomitis dicte Civitatis non subierunt continuandorum in eodem Officio Camerariorum pro uno anno integro tunc proxime sequente si tam diu vixerit nisi interim pro aliquo defalcatione vel abusu eorundem per Majorem Civitatis illius pro tempore exis-

six selected citizens indeed two of them shall be elected to be sheriffs of that city for the year ensuing by the aforesaid mayor of the city aforesaid and the aforesaid aldermen of the same city and the remainder of the common council of the city aforesaid therein then congregated and being present or by the greater part of them thus taking part in the proceedings, and in the case of the equality of votes by that part or moiety of those of whom the mayor of that city for the time being shall be one,

And that such two persons thus as is aforesaid elected and preferred to be sheriffs of the city aforesaid shall be admitted to execute that office at the noon of the festival day of Saint Michael the archangel next after their election aforesaid for one whole year thereafter ensuing if they shall so long have lived, And that the election of chamberlains of the said city from henceforth yearly for ever shall be made by the mayor of that city for the time being on the Monday next after the feast of Saint Michael the archangel from the better citizens of the city aforesaid who at the time of such election have not executed the office of sheriff of the said city, to be continued in the same office of chamberlains for one whole year the next ensuing if so long they shall have lived unless in the meantime for any default or abuse of the same they shall be amoved or any one of them shall

tentem amovebuntur aut eorum aliquis amovebitur, Si vero contigerit aliquo tempore imposterum aliquem vel aliquos de predictis Vicecomitibus aut Camerariis Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existentibus infra unum Annum postquam ad Officium illud exequendum admittentur, mori, Quod tunc et tocies infra tempus conveniens tunc subsequens, nova electio aliorum ad loca et officia sic vacanda supplendum et ad Officium illud pro residuo anni illius exequendum fiet per easdem sepeales personas respective et eisdem modo et forma prout superius hujusmodi electiones fieri declarantur et ordinantur. Et quociuscunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de comuni Consilio Civitatis predictæ in Officio illo obire vel ab Officio et loco suo communis Consiliarij Civitatis illius amoveri quos omnes aut eorum aliquem vel aliquos pro causis rationabilibus ad discrecionem et beneplacitum Majoris Civitatis illius pro tempore existentis, et hujusmodi Aldermanorum Civitatis illius qui Officium Majoratus ibidem tunc antea subierunt aut majoris partis eorundem et in paritate suffragiorum illius partis eorum, quorum Major pro tempore existens unus fuerit cum assensu majoris partis reliquorum de comuni Consilio Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existentium amobilem et amobiles esse volumus et declaramus per presentes, Quod tunc et tocies infra tempus conveniens post tales obitum vel amocionem

be moved by the mayor of that city for the time being, But if it shall have happened at any time hereafter that any one or more of the aforesaid sheriffs or chamberlains of the city aforesaid for the time being die within one year after admission to the execution of that office, that then and so often, within a convenient time then following, a new election of others to supply the places and offices thus vacant and to execute that office for the remainder of that year shall be made by the same several persons respectively and after the same manner and form as such elections are above declared and ordained to be made, And so often as it shall have happened that any one or more of the common council of the city aforesaid die in that office or be amoved from his office and place of common councillor of that city—for we will and declare by these presents that all or any one or more thereof for reasonable causes at the discretion and good pleasure of the mayor of that city for the time being and of such aldermen of that city who have then before that time executed the office of the mayoralty therein or of the greater part of the same, and in the case of equality of votes, of that part of them of whom the mayor for the time being shall be one, with assent of the greater part of the remainder of the common council of the city aforesaid for the time being be amovable one or more—that then and so often within a convenient time after such death

et tandem die lune proximo post festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proxime sequentem nova electio aliorum Civium Civitatis predictae qui Officium Vicecomitis vel Camerarij et non Officium Aldermani ejusdem Civitatis antetunc subierunt ad loca et officia sic vacantia supplendum fiet modo et forma subsequentibus, videlicet, Major Civitatis predictae pro tempore existens et Aldermani ejusdem Civitatis qui Officium Majoratus prius subierunt vel major pars eorum qui in electione illa presentes fuerint et in paritate suffragiorum illa pars illorum quorum Major pro tempore existens unus fuerit ex Calendario nominum Civium et liberorum hominum Civitatis predictae qui Officium Vicecomitis seu Camerarij et non Officium Aldermani ejusdem Civitatis antetunc executi fuerunt, tres selectos Cives reliquis de comuni Consilio Civitatis predictae adtunc et ibidem interessentibus presentabunt, ex quibus quidem tribus selectis Civibus unus eorum in Officium Comunis Consil[iar]ij Civitatis illius in loco sic vacante eligetur per reliquos de comuni Consilio Civitatis predictae ibidem tunc congregatos et presentes existentes vel majorem partem illorum sic interessentium, Et in paritate suffragiorum per illam partem vel medietatem illorum quorum Major Civitatis illius pro tempore existens unus fuerit.

or amoval and at length on Monday next after the feast of Saint Michael the archangel then next ensuing a new election of other citizens of the city aforesaid who before that time have executed the office of sheriff or chamberlain and not the office of alderman of the same city to supply the places and offices thus vacant shall be made after the manner and form following, that is to say the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being and the aldermen of the same city who have formerly executed the office of the mayoralty or the greater part of them who shall have been present in that election and in the case of equality of votes that part of them of whom the mayor for the time being shall be one shall present out of the calendar of the names of the citizens and freemen of the city aforesaid who before that time have executed the office of sheriff or chamberlain and not the office of alderman of the same city, three selected citizens to the remainder of the common council of the city aforesaid at that time and therein taking part, from which three selected citizens indeed one of them shall be elected to the office of common councillor of that city in the place thus vacant by the remainder of the common council of the city aforesaid there [and] then congregated and being present or the greater part of them thus taking part in the proceedings, And in the case of equality of votes by that part or moiety of them of whom the mayor of that city for the time being shall be one.

Volumus autem quod omnes et singuli hujusmodi Vicecomites Camerarij et Cives de comuni Consilio Civitatis predicte sic de novo electi antequam ad executionem Officiorum suorum admittentur sacramentum corporale ad Officia sua respective fideliter exequendum secundum formam predictam alijs Officiarijs ejusdem Civitatis administrandam prestabunt et quilibet eorum prestabit.

Et ulterius volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predicte et successoribus suis quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum habeant et habebunt unum virum preclarum in legibus hujus Regni nostri peritum per Majorem Aldermannos et comune Consilium Civitatis predicte pro tempore existentes vel majorem partem eorundem qui presentes erunt et se interesse voluerint, et ubi suffragia electorum sint equalia per illam partem et medietatem illorum quorum Major Civitatis illius unus fuerit eligendum et constituendum, qui erit et vocabitur Recordator Civitatis Lincolnie predicte ad omnia eidem Officio qualitercunque pertinencia pro bono publico ejusdem Civitatis de tempore in tempus durante vita sua imposterum exequendum, Aceciam unum alium virum probum et in legibus expertum modo

We will nevertheless that all and singular such sheriffs, chamberlains and citizens of the common council of the city aforesaid thus newly elected, before they be admitted to the execution of their offices shall take, one or more of them, bodily oath for the performance of their offices respectively faithfully, in accordance with the form aforesaid to be administered to the other officers of the same city.

And further we will and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors that they and their successors for ever have and shall have one illustrious man skilled in the laws of this our realm to be elected and constituted by the mayor, aldermen and common council of the city aforesaid for the time being or by the greater part of the same who shall be present and shall have been willing to take their part thereat, and where the votes of the electors be equal then by that part and moiety of them of whom the mayor of that city shall be one, who shall be and shall be called the Recorder of the city of Lincoln aforesaid to execute hereafter during his lifetime all things to the same office in any way whatsoever appertaining for the public good of the same city from time to time, And also one other worthy man and skilled in the laws to be elected

et forma predictis eligendum et constituendum, qui erit et vocabitur Senescallus Curie Civitatis illius ad antiquas Curias de Burghmamott et Curias fforinsecas infra Civitatem predictam et alias Curias ibidem quascunque tenendum, ac omnia alia eidem officio pertinencia durante vita sua similiter exequendum, Necnon unum alium virum honestum et idoneum modo et forma predictis eligendum et constituendum qui erit et vocabitur communis Clericus Civitatis predictae ad omnia eidem Officio pertinencia pro publico servicio Civitatis illius faciendum et exequendum, quem quidem comunem Clericum dicte Civitatis pro tempore existentem fore eciam Clericum pacis infra Civitatem predictam libertates suburbia et Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis volumus ordinamus et declaramus per presentes ad exequendum durante vita sua omnia que ad Officium Clerici pacis in aliquo Comitatu hujus Regni nostri Anglie pertinent.

Volumus eciam, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus et constitu[i]mus quod Willelmus Ellis miles modernus Recordator Civitatis predictae et Stephanus Mason generosus modernus Senescallus Curie Civitatis predictae, ac Johannes Julian generosus modernus Clericus comunis Civitatis predictae eadem seperalia Officia Recordatoris Senescalli Curie et Clerici comunis

and constituted after the manner and form aforesaid, who shall be and shall be called steward of the court of that city to hold the ancient courts of burghmanmott and courts foreign within the city aforesaid and any other whatever courts therein and to execute in like manner during his lifetime all other the things to the same office appertaining, Also one other honest and fitting man to be elected and constituted after the manner and form aforesaid who shall be and shall be called the common clerk of the city aforesaid to make and perform for the public service of that city all things appertaining to the same office, which common clerk indeed of the same city for the time being we will, ordain and declare shall be also the clerk of the peace within the city aforesaid, the liberties, suburbs, and county of the same city by these presents to execute during his lifetime all things which appertain to the office of a clerk of the peace in any county of this our realm of England.

We will also and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors ordain and constitute that William Ellis knight present Recorder of the city aforesaid and Stephen Mason gentleman present Steward of the court of the city aforesaid and John Julian gentleman present common clerk of the city aforesaid have, hold and enjoy during their natural lives respectively the same

predicta durantibus eorum vitis naturalibus respective habeant teneant et gaudeant, Et quociuscunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Aldermanis vel Coronatoribus Civitatis predictae aut Recordatorem vel Seneschallum Curie aut comunem Clericum ejusdem Civitatis pro tempore existentes tam presentes quam futuros mori vel ab Officiis suis respective amoveri, quos omnes aut eorum aliquem vel aliquos pro causa rationabili ad discrecionem et beneplacitum Majoris Aldermanorum et comunis Consilij ejusdem Civitatis pro tempore existencium vel majoris partis illorum quorum Major et Aldermanorum major pars qui Officium majoratus ibidem subierunt presentes et consencientes semper erunt vel in casu suffragiorum equalium illius partis vel medietatis illorum quorum Major Civitatis illius pro tempore existens unus fuerit amobilem et amobiles esse volumus quod tocies bene liceat et licebit Majori et Comuni Consilio ibidem pro tempore existentibus vel majori parti eorum ut prefertur secundum antiquam formam et ordinem electionis Aldermanorum ejusdem Civitatis unum alium vel plures alios de Civibus Civitatis predictae qui Officium Vicecomitis et non Majoris ejusdem Civitatis antea exercuerunt vel exercuit in Aldermanum vel Aldermanos Civitatis Lincolnie predictae ad supplendum pre-

several offices of recorder, steward of the court and common clerk aforesaid, And so often as it shall have happened that any one or more of the aldermen or coroners of the city aforesaid or the recorder or steward of the court or the common clerk of the same city for the time being as well present as future die or be respectively amoved from their offices—whom all of them or any one or more of them we will to be amovable, one or more, for reasonable cause at the discretion and good pleasure of the mayor, aldermen and common council of the same city for the time being, or of the greater part of them of whom the mayor and greater part of the aldermen who have exercised the office of the mayoralty therein shall always be present and consenting, or in the case of equal votes of that part or moiety of them of whom the mayor of that city for the time being shall be one,—that so often it be and shall be well lawful to the mayor and common council therein for the time being or to the greater part of them as is aforesaid in accordance with the ancient form and order of the election of the aldermen of the same city, and they may and can nominate, elect and prefer one other or many others of the citizens of the city aforesaid who have previously exercised, one or more, the office of sheriff and not of mayor of the same city to be alderman or aldermen of the city of Lincoln aforesaid for the filling up of the aforesaid

dictum numerum tresdecem Aldermanorum ibidem ac unum alium virum discretum in legibus Anglie peritum in Recordatorem Civitatis predictæ ac secundum antiquam formam et ordinem electionis Coronatoris dictæ Civitatis unum vel plures de Civibus Civitatis predictæ qui Officium Vicecomitis et non Officium Majoris Civitatis predictæ antea habuerunt vel habuit in Coronatorem vel Coronatores Civitatis illius et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis ad supplendum predictum numerum quatuor Coronatorum, ac unum virumabilem et idoneum in Senescallum Curie, ac unum alium virum honestum et expertum in communem Clericum et Clericum pacis Civitatis predictæ infra tempus conveniens post hujusmodi mortes vel amociones nominare eligere et preficere valeant et possint, Nihilominus volumus quod ipse vel ipsi sic nominati et electi antequam ad executionem officiorum illorum respective admittantur sive admittatur sacramenta sua corporalia modo et forma superius per presentes ordinatis ad Officium sive Officia illa bene et fideliter exequendum prestiterint et quilibet eorum prestiterit.

Et ulterius volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ et successoribus

number of thirteen aldermen therein, and one other discreet man skilled in the laws of England, to be recorder of the city aforesaid and in accordance with the ancient form and order of the election of coroner of the said city one or more of the citizens of the city aforesaid who have previously held, one or more, the office of sheriff and not the office of mayor of the city aforesaid to be coroner or coroners of that city and of the county of the same city to fill up the aforesaid number of the four coroners, and one fitting and able man to be steward of the court, and one other honest and expert man to be common clerk and clerk of the peace of the city aforesaid within a convenient time after such deaths or removals, Nevertheless we will that he or they thus nominated and elected, before that they, one or more, be respectively admitted to the performance of those offices, take and every one of them take their bodily oaths after the manner and form above by these presents ordained to perform that office or those offices well and faithfully.

And further we will and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors that they and their

suis, Quod ipsi et successores sui de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt infra Civitatem predictam unum Enciferum¹ unum Septriferum¹ ac Clamatorem ac quatuor Servientes ad Clavam sive Ballivos ejusdem Civitatis Necnon Constabularios ac alios inferiores Officiarios necessarios pro Civitate predicta et Comitatu ejusdem Civitatis de tempore in tempus nominandos et eligendos in eisdem modo et forma prout in eadem Civitate antehac consuetum fuit.

Et ulterius pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus Majori Civitatis predicte pro tempore existenti et in absencia ejus seu vacancia Officij illius Aldermanis ejusdem Civitatis vel aliquibus quatuor vel pluribus illorum pro tempore existentibus in presencia tot de comuni Consilio Civitatis predicte pro tempore existencium qui eleccionibus officiorum predictorum interesse voluerint plenam potestatem et auctoritatem dandi et administrandi sacramentum corporale super sanctum Dei Evangelium omnibus et singulis Aldermanis Recordatori Vicecomitibus Coronatoribus Escaetoribus Senescallo Comuni Clerico Camerariis ac omnibus de comuni Consilio Civitatis predicte, ac omnibus alijs Officiarijs et Ministris dicte Civitatis vel Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis imposterum futuris ad officia et loca sua respective in omnibus et per omnia Officia illa tangentia sive

successors for henceforth for ever have and shall have within the city aforesaid one sword-bearer, one mace-bearer, and a crier and four serjeants at mace or bailiffs of the same city, Also constables and other inferior officers necessary for the city aforesaid and the county of the same city from time to time to be nominated and elected after the same manner and form as has been the custom hitherto in the same city.

And further for ourselves our heirs and successors we give and grant to the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being, and in his absence or during the vacancy of that office to the aldermen of the same city or to any four or more of them for the time being in the presence of so many members of the common council of the city aforesaid for the time being who shall have been willing to take part in the elections of the office[r]s aforesaid, full power and authority of giving and administering a corporal oath upon the holy gospel of God to all and singular the aldermen, recorder, sheriffs, coroners, escheators, steward, common clerk, chamberlains, and all the members of the common council of the city aforesaid and to all others the officers and ministers of the said city or of the county of the same city hereafter about to be, well and faithfully to perform their offices and places respectively in

¹ *Sic* in the original.

concernentia bene et fideliter exequendum, absque aliqua alia Commissione vel ulteriore warranto a nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris in ea parte procurando aut obtinendo.

Et insuper pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris de gracia nostra speciali, ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris concedimus prefatis Maiori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictę et successoribus suis quod si aliquis vel aliqui de Civibus Civitatis predictę qui imposterum ad Officia Majoris Aldermanorum Vicecomitum Camerariorum Coronatorum Constabulariorum sive aliorum Ministrorum sive Officiariorum Civitatis predictę aut Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis aut eorum alicujus exceptis Officiis Recordatoris Senescalli et communis Clerici Civitatis predictę electus et nominatus fuerit electi et nominati fuerint ac habens sive habentes noticiam vel cognicionem eleccionis et nominacionis illius recusaverint vel renuerint, recusaverit vel renuerit Officium illud sive Officia illa ad quod vel que ipse vel ipsi electus et nominatus electi et nominati fuerint vel fuerit acceptare et in se suscipere et exequi, Quod tunc et tocies bene liceat et licebit Majori et comuni Consilio Civitatis predictę pro tempore existentibus vel majori parti eorundem qui ad hoc per publicam summonicionem in forma predicta assemblati et congregati fuerint,

all things and by all things touching or concerning those offices, without procuring or obtaining any other commission or further warrant on that behalf from us our heirs or successors.

And moreover for ourselves our heirs and successors of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion we grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors that if any one or more of the citizens of the city aforesaid who hereafter shall have been elected and nominated, one or more, to the offices of mayor, aldermen, sheriffs, chamberlains, coroners, constables, or of other the ministers or officers of the city aforesaid or of the county of the same city or of any one of them, except the offices of the recorder, steward and common clerk of the city aforesaid, and having one or more of them notice or knowledge of that election and nomination shall have refused or declined, one or more, to accept and to take upon themselves and perform that office or those offices to which, one or more, he or they shall have been, one or more, elected and nominated, that then and so often it be and shall be well lawful to the mayor and common council of the city aforesaid for the time being or to the greater part of the same who shall have been assembled and congregated for this purpose by public summons in form aforesaid, of whom we will that the

Quorum Majorem Civitatis predictæ unum esse volumus et in paritate suffragiorum illi parti sive medietati, quorum dictus Major Civitatis predictæ unus fuerit, ipsum vel ipsos sic recusantem et renuentem, recusantes et renuentes exercere officium illud vel officia illa ad quod vel que ipse vel ipsi sic nominatus vel electus fuerit, nominati vel electi fuerint, committere alicui Gaole Civitatis predictæ ibidem remansuros quousque Officium illud vel Officia illa exercere velit vel velint, aut aliter fines aut amerciamenta super hujusmodi recusantem vel recusantes taxare et eadem fines et amerciamenta levare habere et retinere ad usum Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ prout eisdem Majori et comuni Consilio Civitatis predictæ aut hujusmodi majori parti eorundem sic ut prefertur congregatorum existencium rationabiliter fore videbitur, ac in defectu solutionis hujusmodi finium et amerciamentorum ipsum vel ipsos capere et Gaole predictæ Civitatis committere et ibidem retinere quousque fines et amerciamenta illa ad usum predictum solvat seu solvi faciat, solvant seu solvi faciant, aut aliter secundum legem et consuetudinem Regni nostri Angliæ deliberentur aut deliberetur.

Et ulterius volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus

mayor of the city aforesaid be one, and in the case of equality of votes to that part or moiety of whom the said mayor of the city aforesaid shall be one, to commit him or them thus refusing and declining, one or more, to exercise that office or those offices to which, one or more, he or they one or more shall thus have been nominated or elected, to any gaol of the city aforesaid, therein to remain until he or they be willing to exercise that office or those offices, or otherwise to impose fines or amercements upon such refuser or refusers, and to levy, have and retain the same fines and amercements to the use of the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid as to the same mayor and common council of the city aforesaid or to such greater part of the same thus as is aforesaid being congregated together shall seem to be reasonable, and in default of the payment of such fines and amercements to take him or them and commit the same to the gaol of the aforesaid city and therein to keep the same until he or they pay or cause to be paid those fines and amercements to the use aforesaid or otherwise be delivered, one or more, according to the law and custom of our realm of England.

And further we will and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of

Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predicte et successoribus suis, Quod Major Civitatis predicte pro tempore existens, necnon omnes et singuli Aldermani dicte Civitatis qui Officium Majoris ejusdem Civitatis antehac habuerunt et exercuerunt Necnon omnes alij hujusmodi Aldermani Civitatis predicte pro tempore existentes qui de tempore in tempus Officium Majoris Civitatis illius subierunt durante tempore quo erunt Aldermani Civitatis predicte decetero imperpetuum sint et erunt Justiciarij nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum et eorum quilibet sit et erit Justiciarius noster heredum et successorum nostrorum ad pacem nostram heredum et successorum nostrorum infra Civitatem predictam et Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis libertates et precinctus eorundem conservandum et custodiendum ac conservari et custodiri faciendum, Ac ad omnia ordinationes et statuta pro bono pacis nostre, aut pro conservacione ejusdem aut pro quieto regimine et gubernacione populi nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum edita in omnibus suis articulis in Civitate predicta et Comitatu ejusdem Civitatis libertatibus et precinctibus eorundem juxta vim formam et effectum eorundem custodiendum et custodiri faciendum, Et ad omnes contra formam et ordinem ordinationum et statutorum illorum aut eorum alicujus in Civitate et Comitatu predictis, libertatibus vel precinctibus eorundem seu

the city aforesaid and their successors that the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being also all and singular the aldermen of the said city who have previously had and exercised the office of mayor of the same city, also all other such aldermen of the city aforesaid for the time being who from time to time have exercised the office of mayor of that city, during the time when they shall be aldermen of the city aforesaid henceforth and for ever be and shall be justices of us our heirs and successors and every one of them be and shall be justice of us our heirs and successors for preserving and keeping the peace of us our heirs and successors within the city aforesaid and the county of the same city, the liberties and precincts of the same, and for causing the same to be preserved and kept, And for keeping and causing to be kept all the ordinances and statutes published for the good of our peace or for the preservation thereof or for the quiet rule and government of the people of us our heirs and successors in all their articles in the city aforesaid and in the county of the same city the liberties and precincts of the same according to the force, form and effect thereof, And for chastising and punishing all transgressors and delinquents against the form and order of those ordinances and statutes or any of them in the city and county aforesaid, the liberties or

eorum alterius transgressores et delinquentes castigandum et puniendum prout secundum formam Ordinacionum et Statutorum illorum fuerit faciendum, Et ad omnes illos qui alicui vel aliquibus de populo nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum de corporibus suis vel de incendio domorum suarum minas fecerint, ad sufficientem securitatem de pace vel de bono gestu suo erga nos heredes et successores nostros et populum nostrum seu populum heredum et successorum nostrorum inveniendum coram Justiciariis predictis seu eorum aliquo venire faciendum, et si hujusmodi securitatem invenire non possint seu recusaverint, tunc illos omnes in prisiona nostra heredum et successorum nostrorum infra Civitatem predictam vel Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis quousque hujusmodi securitatem invenerint salvo custodiri faciendum, et ad faciendum omnia alia que ad Justiciarios pacis pertine[n]t facienda et exequenda, Et quod Major Civitatis predicte pro tempore existens, et predicti Aldermani qui Officium Majoratus antehac in Civitate predicta exercuerunt aut imposterum ut prefertur de tempore in tempus Officium illud prius subierunt durante tempore quo fuerunt Aldermani Civitatis predicte aut aliqui quatuor vel plures illorum, (quorum Majorem vel alterum duorum Aldermanorum maxime seniorum gradu et ordine predictis pro tempore existentium unum esse volumus) sint Justiciarij nostri

precincts thereof, or either of them, just as should be done according to the form of those ordinances and statutes, And for causing to appear before the justices aforesaid or any of them all those who shall have threatened any one or more of the people of us our heirs or successors with bodily harm or with setting fire to their houses, to find sufficient security for keeping the peace or for their good behaviour towards us our heirs and successors and our people or the people of our heirs and successors, and if they cannot or have refused to find such security then to cause them all to be kept securely in the prison of us our heirs and successors within the city aforesaid or the county of the same city until they shall have found such security and to perform all other the things which to justices of the peace appertain to be done and performed, And that the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being and the aforesaid aldermen who have previously exercised the office of the mayoralty in the city aforesaid or hereafter as is aforesaid from time to time shall have previously exercised that office during the time when they were aldermen of the city aforesaid or any four or more of them, of whom we will that the mayor or either of the two aldermen of the highest seniority by degree and order as aforesaid for the time being be one, be justices of us our heirs and

heredum et successorum nostrorum ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum Comitatus Civitatis predictæ, ac aliis modis et mediis quibus sciverint aut poterint per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterint seu poterit de omnibus et omnimodis felonijis misprisionibus veneficiis incantacionibus sortilegijs, arte magica, insurreccionibus rebellionibus murdris felonijis homicidijs interfeccionibus burglarijs raptibus mulierum congregacionibus et conventiculis illicitis, verborum prolacionibus coadunacionibus confederacionibus, falsis allegancijs riotis routis retencionibus escapijs contemptibus falsitatibus negligencijs concealmentis transgressionibus forstallarijs regratorijs ingrossorijs et extorcionibus quibuscunque, acceciam de omnibus et singulis alijs malefactis et offensis de quibus Justiciarij pacis nostre heredum et successorum nostrorum legitime inquire possint aut debeant per quoscunque et qualitercunque infra Civitatem et Comitatum Civitatis predictos libertates et precinctus eorundem antehac factis perpetratis sive commissis vel imposterum ibidem fiendis vel attemptandis, Et per quos vel per quem cui vel quibus quando qualiter et quomodo, ac de alijs articulis et circumstantijs premissa et eorum quodlibet sive eorum aliquod vel aliqua qualitercunque concernentibus plenius veritatem inquirendum, acceciam de omnibus hijs qui in Civitate predicta aut Comitatu ejusdem Civitatis

successors to enquire by the oath of worthy and lawful men of the county of the city aforesaid and by other manners and means which they know or can take whereby they, one or more, may cause the truth of a matter to be better known concerning all and all manner of felonies, misprisions, poisonings, enchantments, witchcrafts, magic art, insurrections, rebellions, murders, felonies, homicides, slayings, burglaries, rapes of women, unlawful meetings and conventicles, extension of words, assemblies, confederations, false allegations, riots, routs, withholdings, escapes, contempts, falsities, negligences, concealments, trespasses, forestallings, regratings, ingrossings and extortions whatsoever, and also of all and singular other the illdoings and offences of which the justices of the peace of us our heirs and successors can or ought lawfully to enquire into, by whomsoever and in what manner soever within the city and county of the city aforesaid, the liberties and precincts thereof, before this time done, perpetrated or committed or hereafter therein to be done or attempted, and by whom one or more to whom one or more when how and in what manner, and to enquire the fullest truth concerning other articles and circumstances in any way whatever concerning the premisses and any whatever thereof or any things thereof, one or more, and also concerning all those persons who have gone or ridden or shall hereafter have presumed to go or ride in the city aforesaid or

libertatibus et precinctibus ejusdem in conventiculis contra pacem nostram heredum vel successorum nostrorum in perturbacionem populi nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum seu vi armata ierunt vel equitaverunt aut imposterum ire vel equitare presumpserint, Ac de omnibus illis qui ibidem ad gentem nostram maihemandum vel interficiendum in insidijs jacuerunt vel imposterum jacere presumpserint, acceiam de hostellarijs et omnibus et singulis alijs personis qui in abusu ponderum vel mensurarum seu in vendicione victualium contra formam ordinacionum et statutorum illorum vel eorum alicujus inde pro comuni utilitate Regni et populi nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum ejusdem editorum delinquerint¹ vel attemptaverint vel imposterum delinquere vel attemptare presumpserint in Civitate predicta et Comitatu ejusdem Civitatis libertatibus et precinctibus eorundem, acceiam de quibuscunque Vicecomitibus Ballivis Senescallis Constabularijs, Custodibus Gaolarum et alijs Officiarijs qui in execucione Officiorum suorum circa premissa vel eorum aliqua indebite se habuerunt vel imposterum indebite se habere presumpserint aut in Officijs suis exequendis tepidi remissi vel negligentes fuerint aut imposterum fore contigerint in Civitate et Comitatu Civitatis predictis aut libertatibus vel precinctibus ejusdem,

the county of the same city the liberties and precincts thereof in conventicles against the peace of us our heirs or successors to the disturbance of the people of us our heirs or successors or with force of arms, And concerning all others who therein have lain in wait for the maiming of our people or killing them, or hereafter shall have presumed to lie in wait, and also concerning hostellers and all and singular other persons who have been delinquent or attempted to be so or hereafter shall have been delinquent or presumed to attempt to be so in the abuse of weights or measures or in the sale of victuals against the form of those ordinances and statutes or any of them published thereupon for the common utility of the realm and people of us our heirs or successors of the same in the city aforesaid and in the county of the same city the liberties and precincts thereof, And also concerning any whomsoever sheriffs, bailiffs, stewards, constables, keepers of gaols and others the officers who in the execution of their offices concerning the premises or any thereof have conducted themselves improperly or hereafter shall have presumed to conduct themselves improperly or in the performance of their offices shall have been lukewarm, remiss or negligent, or hereafter shall have happened so to be in the city and county of the city aforesaid or the liberties or precincts thereof,

¹ *Sic* in original.

ac de omnibus et singulis articulis et circumstancijs et alijs rebus quibuscunque per quoscunque vel qualitercunque infra Civitatem et Comitatum Civitatis predictos libertates et precinctus ejusdem factis seu perpetratis vel que ibidem imposterum fieri vel attemptari contigerint qualitercunque premissorum vel eorum alicujus concernentibus, Et ad Indictamenta quecunque sic antehac coram prefato Majore et alijs socijs suis modernis seu nuper Justiciarijs infra Civitatem predictam capta, aut que imposterum coram quatuor vel pluribus Aldermanorum predictorum, quorum Majorem Civitatis predicte pro tempore existentem vel unum duorum Aldermanorum maxime seniorum gradu et ordine pro tempore existentium ut prefertur unum esse volumus imposterum capienda inspiciendum, ac ad processus inde versus omnes et singulos sic indictatos vel quos imposterum ibidem indictari contigerit quousque capiantur reddant se vel utlagentur faciendum et continuandum, Et ad omnia et singula felonias murdra et alia premissa secundum leges et Statuta Regni nostri Anglie prout hujusmodi casu fieri consuevit aut debuit audiendum et terminandum, necnon diligenter super premissa facere Inquisiciones et premissa omnia et singula audire et terminare, et ea facere et explere in forma predicta, seu per finem redemptionem amerciamantum forisfacturam ac alio modo quocunque facturi inde

and concerning all and singular the articles and circumstances and other things whatsoever made or committed by any whomsoever or in any way whatsoever within the city and county of the city aforesaid the liberties and precincts thereof, or which therein hereafter shall have happened to be done or attempted in any way whatsoever concerning the premises or any of them, And for inspecting any whatever indictments thus hitherto taken before the abovesaid mayor and others his present associates or late justices within the city aforesaid, or which hereafter may be taken before four or more of the aldermen aforesaid of whom we will the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being or one of the two aldermen of the highest seniority by degree and order for the time being as is aforesaid to be one, and for making and continuing the processes thereof against all and singular persons thus indicted or who hereafter therein shall happen to be indicted until they be taken, yield themselves or be outlawed, And for hearing and determining all and singular felonies, murders and other the premises according to the laws and statutes of our realm of England as has been wont or ought to be done in such a case, also diligently respecting the premises to make inquisitions and to hear and determine all and singular the premises, and to make and fulfil them after the form aforesaid, or by fine, redemption, amercement, forfeiture or any other

quod ad Justiciarios pertinet secundum legem et consuetudinem Regni nostri Anglie, aut secundum formam ordinacionum sive statutorum predictorum fieri consuevit aut debuit ad castigandum et puniendum, Ita quod nullus Justiciarius pacis nostre heredum et successorum nostrorum Comitatum Lincolnie in Civitate Lincolnie aut Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis Lincolnie libertates vel precinctus eorundem ad aliquod ibidem faciendum vel exequendum quod ad Officium Justiciarij pacis pertinet ingrediatur nec se inde in aliquo intromittat.

Volumus ulterius ac per presentes concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictæ et successoribus suis quod Major et Aldermani Civitatis predictæ sic ut prefertur in Officium Justiciariorum pacis existentes aut aliqui quatuor vel plures illorum (quorum Majorem vel alterum duorum seniorum Aldermanorum dicte Civitatis pro tempore existentium, unum esse volumus) de tempore in tempus imperpetuum sint Justiciarij nostri heredum aut successorum nostrorum ad Gaolam dicte Civitatis Lincolnie et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis de prisonibus in eisdem existentibus et exnunc eidem Gaole ex quacunque causa quod ad Justiciarios pacis pertinet committendis de tempore in tempus deliberandam, Et quod Vicecomites Comitatus Civitatis predictæ omnia

manner whatever to perform thereof that which appertains to justices according to the law and custom of our realm of England, or according to the form of the ordinances or statutes aforesaid has been wont or ought to be done, for chastising and punishing, So that no justice of the peace of us our heirs and successors enter nor introduce himself therefor in any manner into the county of Lincoln in the city of Lincoln, or the county of the same city of Lincoln, the liberties or precincts thereof, to perform or execute any thing therein which appertains to the office of a justice of the peace.

We will further and by these presents grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors that the mayor and aldermen of the city aforesaid thus as is aforesaid being in the office of justices of the peace, or any four or more of them, of whom we will the mayor or either of the two elder aldermen of the said city for the time being be one, from time to time for ever be justices of us our heirs or successors for delivery of the gaol from time to time of the said city of Lincoln and county of the same city from the prisoners therein being and from henceforward to be committed to the same gaol by reason of any cause which appertains to justices of the peace, And that the sheriffs of the county of the city aforesaid shall

Juratas Inquisitiones panellos attachiamenta et alia per eos vel eorum alterum capta et imposterum capienda coram prefatis Majore et Aldermanis sic ut prefetur in Officio Justiciariorum pacis infra Comitatum Civitatis predictæ existentibus aut aliquos quatuor vel plures eorum quorum prefatos Majorem vel alterum duorum seniorum Aldermanorum pro tempore existentium unum esse volumus, cum et quociens Gaola[s] predictas de Prisonibus in eisdem existentibus deliberare voluerint de tempore in tempus facient retorna, ac eis in omnibus deliberacionem Gaole predictæ tangentibus sint attendentes et precepta eorundem Justiciariorum pro tempore existentium et eorum cujuslibet exequantur de tempore in tempus eisdem modo et forma prout aliquis Vicecomes Regni nostri Anglie coram Justiciariis ad Gaolam in aliquibus Comitatibus dicti Regni nostri Anglie heredum et successorum nostrorum deliberandam assignatis vel assignandis facere retornare intendere vel exequi quovismodo per leges hujus Regni nostri Anglie consuevit et debuit.

Et ulterius volumus quod omnes et singuli Major et Aldermani Civitatis predictæ tam presentes quam futuri pro tempore existentes, qui virtute presencium Officium Justiciarij pacis infra Comitatum Civitatis predictæ exequentur, antequam ad Officium illud exequen-

from time to time make returns of all juries, inquisitions, panels, attachments and other things by them or either of them taken and hereafter to be taken before the abovesaid mayor and aldermen thus as is aforesaid being in the office of justices of the peace within the county of the city aforesaid or any four or more of them of whom we will the abovesaid mayor or either of the two elder aldermen for the time being be one, when and so often as they shall have willed to deliver the gaols aforesaid from the prisoners who are therein, and be attending on them in all things touching delivery of the gaol aforesaid, and perform the commands of the same justices for the time being and any one whomsoever of them from time to time after the same manner and form as any sheriff of our realm of England before the justices assigned for the delivery of the gaol in any whatsoever counties of the said realm of England of us our heirs and successors, or to be so assigned, has been wont or ought to make, return, deal with or perform in any way whatever according to the laws of this our realm of England.

And further we will that all and singular the mayor and aldermen of the city aforesaid as well present as future for the time being who by virtue of these presents execute the office of justice of the peace within the county of the city aforesaid, before they be admitted to the performance of that office

dum admittantur sacramentum corporale super sanctum Dei Evangelium ad Officium Justiciarij pacis infra Comitatum Civitatis predictæ libertates et precinctus ejusdem in omnibus et per omnia ad Officium Justiciarij pacis pertinencia sive spectancia bene et fideliter exequendum, necnon juramenta in ea parte per leges et statuta hujus Regni nostri Anglie provisiva a Justiciarijs pacis prestari requisita coram tot de reliquis¹ Aldermanis ejusdem Civitatis et alijs de comuni Consilio Civitatis predictæ qui interesse voluerint prestabunt et eorum quilibet prestabit, Quibus quidem Aldermanis et reliquis de comuni Consilio Civitatis predictæ sic interesse volentibus pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris dandi et administrandi hujusmodi sacramenta prefatis Justiciarijs de tempore in tempus imperpetuum plenam potestatem pariter et authoritatem damus et concedimus absque aliqua alia Commissione vel alio aut ulteriori warranto a nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris in ea parte procurando aut obtinendo.

Et ulterius de ampliori gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictæ et successoribus suis licenciam specialem liberamque et licitam potesta-

shall take, one or more, bodily oath upon the holy Gospel of God to well and faithfully execute the office of justice of the peace within the county of the city aforesaid, the liberties and precincts thereof, in all things and by all things appertaining or belonging to the office of justice of the peace, also the oaths in that behalf according to the laws and statutes of this our realm of England provided requisite to be taken by justices of the peace before so many of the remainder of the aldermen of the same city and others of the common council of the city aforesaid who shall have been willing to take their part therein, To which aldermen indeed and remainder of the common council of the city aforesaid thus being willing to take part therein for us our heirs and successors we give and grant full power equally and authority of giving and administering such oaths to the abovesaid justices from time to time for ever without procuring or obtaining any commission or other or further warrant from us our heirs or successors in that behalf.

And further of our more abundant especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion we have given and granted, and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors give and grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors especial licence and free and lawful power, authority and faculty of having

¹ *reliquibus* in the original.

tem autoritatem et facultatem habendi et perquirendi recipiendi tenendi et possidendi eis et successoribus suis imperpetuum tam omnia et singula Maneria Mesuagia terras tenementa et hereditamenta per aliquas alias literas Patentes eis per quodcunque nomen sive per quecunque nomina antehac concessa vel concedi mencionata unde ipsi ad presens seisiti existunt vel unde aliqui alij modo seisiti existunt vel aliquis alius seisitus existit ad usum seu commodum predictorum Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis predictæ vel sub fiducia vel confidencia quod ijdem Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas alia exitus vel proficua inde habeant vel percipiant vel que ad reparacionem sustentacionem vel manutencionem Ecclesiarum murorum poncium calcetorum seu aliorum onerum communium data seu collata fuerint, cujuscunque fuerint annui valoris, Necnon habendi perquirendi recipiendi tenendi et possidendi aliqua alia Maneria Mesuagia terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas boscos subboscos rectorias redditus revenciones servicia et alia hereditamenta quecunque infra Regnum nostrum Anglie seu alibi infra Dominia nostra tam de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris quam de aliqua alia persona sive de aliquibus alijs personis quibuscunque que de nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris non tenentur immediate in Capite vel per servicium militare, aut de aliqua alia sive aliquibus alijs per ser-

and acquiring, receiving, holding and possessing to themselves and their successors for ever all and singular manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments hitherto granted or mentioned, to be granted to them by any other letters patent by any whatever name or by any whatever names whereof they at the present time stand seised or whereof any others now stand seised or any other stands seised to the use or benefit of the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid, or upon trust or assurance that the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty may have or receive other the issues or profits thereof, or which shall have been given or conferred for the repairing, sustentation or maintenance of churches, walls, bridges, paved roads or other common burdens, be they of whatever yearly value they may, Also of having, acquiring, receiving, holding and possessing any other manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, woods, underwoods, rectories, rents, revenues, services and other hereditaments whatsoever within our realm of England or elsewhere within our demesnes, as well of us our heirs and successors as of any other person or of any other persons whomsoever which are not held of us our heirs or successors immediately in chief or by military service, or of any other person or other persons by military service, provided that the

viciū militare, dummodo eadem Maneria Mesuagia terre tenementa prata pascua pasture bosci subbosci Rectorie decime redditus reverciones servicia vel alia hereditamenta sic ut prefertur in posterum perquirenda in toto non excedent clarum annum valorem Centum librarum per annum ultra omnia onera et reprisas, Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis aut aliquo alio Statuto actu ordinacione sive provisione in contrarium inde antehac habito facto edito ordinato sive proviso aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunque in aliquo non obstante.

Acceciā damus et concedimus pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes cuicunque Subdito nostro ac quibuscunque Subditis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum licenciam specialem liberamque et licitam potestatem facultatem et auctoritatem quod ipsi sive eorum aliquis vel aliqui tam predicta Maneria Mesuagia terras tenementa et hereditamenta unde ipsi ad usum vel commodum predictum sive sub fiducia vel confidencia predicta seisiti modo existunt aut eorum aliquis seisitus modo existit ut prefertur, quam aliqua alia Maneria Mesuagia terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas boscos subboscos Rectorias decimas redditus reverciones servicia et alia hereditamenta quecunque que non tenentur de nobis heredibus et

same manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, woods, underwoods, rectories, tenths, rents, reversions, services or other hereditaments thus as is aforesaid hereafter to be acquired, do not in the whole exceed the clear yearly value of one hundred pounds yearly above all burdens and reprisals, the statute of not putting land and tenements to mortmain, or any other statute, act, ordinance or provision to the contrary thereof before this time had, made, published, ordained or provided or any other thing, cause or matter whatsoever in any manner notwithstanding.

And also we give and grant for us our heirs and successors by these presents to any one subject of us and to any subjects whomsoever of us our heirs and successors especial licence and free and lawful power, faculty and authority that they or any one or more of them can, one or more, give, grant, sell, bequeath and alienate as well the aforesaid manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments whereof they themselves now stand seised or any one of them now stands seised as is aforesaid to the use or benefit aforesaid or upon the trust or assurance aforesaid, as any other manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, woods, underwoods, rectories, tenths, rents, reversions, services and other hereditaments whatsoever

successoribus nostris immediate in capite vel aliter per servicium militare, aut de aliquo alio sive de aliquibus alijs per servicium militare prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictæ et successoribus suis dare concedere vendere legare et alienare possint et possit, Ita tamen quod omnia predicta alia Maneria mesuagia terre tenementa prata pascua pasture bosci subbosci rectorie decime redditus reverciones servicia et alia hereditamenta sic de novo perquirenda in toto non excedant clarum annualem valorem Centum librarum per annum ultra reprisas, Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis, aut aliquo alio Statuto Actu Ordinatione sive provisione in contrarium inde, aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunq̃ue in aliquo non obstante.

Cumque eciam Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ Civitatem illam de antiquo tenuerunt de Regibus Anglie Antecessoribus nostris et modo de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris tenent in feodi firmam per annualem redditum octoginta librarum legalis monete Anglie,

Volumus ac per presentes pro nobis et successoribus nostris de ampliori gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris damus concedimus et confirmamus Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ et successoribus

which are not holden of us our heirs and successors immediately in chief or otherwise by military service or of any other or of any others by military service to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors, Provided nevertheless that all the aforesaid other manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, woods, underwoods, rectories, tenths, rents, reversions, services and other hereditaments thus newly to be acquired in the whole do not exceed the clear yearly value of one hundred pounds by the year beyond reprisals, the statute of not putting lands and tenements to mortmain or any other statute, act, ordinance or provision to the contrary thereof or any other thing, cause or matter whatsoever in any way notwithstanding.

And whereas also the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid have held that city from old time of the kings of England our ancestors and now of us our heirs and successors they so hold it, in fee farm by the yearly rent of eighty pounds of lawful money of England,

We will and by these presents for ourselves and our successors of our more abundant especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion give, grant and confirm to the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city

suis totam predictam Civitatem Lincolnie cum omnibus et singulis suis Juribus membris et pertinencijs universis sub predicta firma octoginta librarum legalis monete Anglie nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris imposterum solvendarum in tam amplis modo et forma prout ea omnia Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis illius vel predecessoribus suis per quodcunque nomen seu quocunque nomina Incorporacionis per aliquas Chartas priores vel literas Patentes aliquorum antecessorum vel progenitorum nostrorum concessa fuerint legitimo modo non revocatas, Et prout iidem Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas Civitatis predictæ vel Predecessores sui eadem omnia vel eorum aliquod vel aliqua virtute vel pretextu aliquarum Chartarum sive literarum Patencium sibi inde confectarum antehac legitime habuerunt et tenuerunt, vel ipsi vel successores sui habere et tenere poterint seu debent.

Et ulterius de uberiori gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus approbamus ratificamus et confirmamus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictæ et successoribus suis omnia et singula tot talia tanta eadem hujusmodi et consimilia Maneria Mesuagia rectorias terras redditus tenementa

of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors the whole aforesaid city of Lincoln with all and singular its rights, members and appurtenances universal at the aforesaid farm of eighty pounds of lawful money of England to us our heirs and successors from henceforth to be paid in as ample manner and form as they shall have been in lawful manner granted, all of them, to the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of that city or to their predecessors by whatsoever name or whatsoever names of incorporation by any former charters or letters patent of any of our ancestors or progenitors not revoked, and as the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid or their predecessors have had and held lawfully before this time all the same things or any one or more of them by virtue of or in pursuance of any charters or letters patent to them thereof made, or that they or their successors could or ought to have and to hold.

And further of our more abundant especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion for ourselves our heirs and successors we grant, approve, ratify and confirm to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors all and singular so many such so great the same suchlike and similar manors, messuages, rectories, lands,

Curias letas visus franci plegij Curias de Burghmamot et alias Curias quasunque ferias nundinas mercata consuetudines libertates franchises immunitates proficua quietancias fines amerciamenta exemptiones jurisdictiones escaetas escaetorias bona et catalla felonum dampnorum convictorum utlagatorum waviata fugitivorum vasta estrahuras confiscaciones fines de licencia concordandi fines et forisfacturas coram nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris Justiciarijs de comunibus placitis, Justiciarijs de Banco, Baronibus de Scaccario nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum vel coram Admirallo Seneschallo Mariscallo seu Clerico mercati nostri vel heredum vel successorum nostrorum, seu coram Justiciariis Itenerantibus¹ seu Justiciariis Officiorum vel placitorum fforeste Justiciariis ad assisas seu generales gaolarum deliberaciones seu Custodibus pacis nostre heredum vel successorum nostrorum, Necnon omnia et omnimoda amerciamenta exitus proficua forisfactura et forisfacienda deperdita et deperdenda concessiones et hereditamenta quecunque tam infra Civitatem Lincolnie suburbia libertates et Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis quam infra seperales Portus tocius Comitatus nostri Lincolnensis seu alibi infra Regnum nostrum Anglie quot quanta qualia et que Cives Civitatis predictae seu Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas predicti modo

rents, tenements, courts-leet, views of frank-pledge, courts of burghmanmot and other courts whatsoever, fairs, marts, markets, customs, liberties, franchises, immunities, profits, quittances, fines, amercements, exemptions, jurisdictions, escheats, escheatrics, goods and chattels of felons and of outlaws convicted of damages, waifs of fugitives, wastes, estrays, confiscations, fines for licence of concording, fines and forfeitures before us our heirs or successors, the justices of common pleas, the justices of king's bench, the barons of the exchequer of us our heirs or successors or before the admiral, steward, marshal or clerk of the market of us our heirs or successors, or before the justices in eyre or the justices of the offices or pleas of the forest, the justices of the assises or general gaol deliveries or the keepers of the peace of us our heirs or successors, Also all and all manner of amercements, issues, profits, things about to forfeit and be forfeited, abandoned and to be abandoned, grants and hereditaments whatsoever as well within the city of Lincoln, the suburbs, liberties and county of the same, as within the several ports of the whole of our county of Lincoln or elsewhere within our realm of England as many as great just as and which the citizens of the city aforesaid or the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty aforesaid now lawfully have, hold,

¹ *sic* in the original.

legittime habent tenent utuntur et gaudeant aut legittime habere tenere uti seu gaudere debent vel eorum Predecessores aut aliqui Cives dicte Civitatis per quecunque nomina sive quodcunque nomen vel per quamcunque Incorporacionem vel pretextum cujuscunque Incorporacionis, et utrum antehac incorporati fuerunt vel non unquam legittime habuerunt tenuerunt usi vel gavisii fuerunt, aut legittime habere tenere uti vel gaudere debuerunt de statu hereditario eis et successoribus suis imperpetuum vel aliter racione vel pretextu aliquarum Chartarum aut literarum Patencium aliquorum progenitorum seu antecessorum nostrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Anglie antehac quoquomodo rite et legittime factarum confirmatarum vel concessarum legittimo modo non revocatarum aut pretextu alicujus legittime prescripcionis usus vel consuetudinis vel aliquo alio legali modo jure seu titulo antehac habito usitato sive consueto, licet eadem et eorum aliquod vel aliqua usi non fuerunt aut eadem abusi male usi vel discontinuati sint vel fuerint, ac licet eadem vel eorum aliquod vel aliqua deperdita vel forisfacta vel aliququaliter seisita fuerunt vel fuit, Necnon omnes et singulas Chartas et literas Patentes predictas ac omnia in illis seu eorum aliqua data concessa ratificata seu confirmata seu dari concedi ratificari vel confirmari mencionata.

use and enjoy or lawfully ought to have, hold, use or enjoy, or their predecessors or any citizens of the said city, by whatsoever names or by whatsoever name or by whatsoever incorporation or colour of whatsoever incorporation, and whether before this time they have or have not been incorporated ever lawfully have had, held, used or enjoyed, or lawfully ought to have had, held, used or enjoyed by estate hereditary to them and their successors for ever or otherwise by reason or colour of any charters or letters patent of any of our progenitors or ancestors, late kings or queens of England before this time in any manner whatever duly and lawfully made, confirmed or granted in lawful manner not revoked or by colour of any lawful prescription, use or custom or by any other lawful manner, right or title hitherto had, used or accustomed although they have not used the same and any one or more thereof or abused, ill-used or discontinued or shall have abused, ill-used or discontinued the same, and although the same or any one or more thereof have been, one or more, lost or forfeited or in any way whatever seised, Also all and singular charters and letters patent aforesaid and all things therein or in any of them given, granted, ratified or confirmed or mentioned to be given, granted, ratified or confirmed.

Quare volumus ac per presentes firmiter injungendo precipimus pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris, Quod predicti Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas Civitatis predictæ et successores sui habeant teneant exercent utantur et gaudeant, ac habere tenere exercere uti gaudere valeant et possint imperpetuum omnia et singula Curias predictas ferias nundinas mercata fines libertates exemptiones escaetas escaetrias bona et catalla felonum dampnorum convictorum utlagatorum waviata fugitivorum felonum de se attinctorum, Necnon Thesaurum inventum streppum vasta estrahuras confiscarias fines de licencia concordandi fines et forisfacturas coram nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris Justiciariis communium placitorum, Justiciariis de Banco, Baronibus de Scaccario nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum vel coram Admirallo Seneschallo Mariscallo seu Clerico mercati nostris heredum vel successorum nostrorum seu coram Justiciariis it[in]erantibus, Justiciariis Officiorum seu placitorum fforeste Justiciariis ad assisas seu generales Gaolarum deliberaturas seu Custodibus pacis nostre heredum vel successorum nostrorum, Necnon omnia et omnimoda amerciamenta exitus proficua forisfactura et forisfacienda deperdita et deperdenda concessionem et hereditamenta quecunque, ac omnia alia autoritates jurisdictiones franchises quietancias immunitates unacum omnibus et singulis Manerijis mesuagijis

Wherefore we will and by these presents firmly enjoining we command for ourselves our heirs and successors, that the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors have, hold, exercise, use and enjoy and may and can have, hold, exercise, use [and] enjoy for ever all and singular the aforesaid courts, fairs, marts, markets, fines, liberties, exemptions, escheats, escheatrics, goods and chattels of felons and of outlaws convicted of damages, waifs of fugitives and of those attainted of felo-de-se, also treasure-trove, estrip, wastes, estrays, confiscations, fines for licence of concording fines and forfeitures before us our heirs or successors the justices of the common pleas, the justices of the king's bench, the barons of the exchequer of us our heirs or successors or before the admiral, steward, marshal or clerk of the market of us our heirs or successors or before the justices in eyre, the justices of the offices or pleas of the forest, the justices of the assises or general gaol deliveries or the keepers of the peace of us our heirs or successors, Also all and all manner of amercements, issues, profits, things about to forfeit and be forfeited, abandoned and to be abandoned, grants and hereditaments whatsoever, and all other authorities, jurisdictions, franchises, quittances [and] immunities together with all and singular the

Rectoriis Incorporacionibus terris tenementis et hereditamentis predictis secundum tenorem et effectum harum literarum nostrarum Patentium, ac secundum tenorem et effectum Chartarum et literarum Patencium Antecessorum vel Progenitorum nostrorum predictorum et cujuslibet illorum legitimo modo non revocatarum sine occasione sive impedimento nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum Justiciariorum Vicecomitum, Escaetorum Coronatorum Ballivorum sive aliorum Ministrorum sive officiariorum nostrorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunque.

Nolentes quod iidem Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas Civitatis predictæ, vel eorum aliquis vel aliqui vel eorum successores occasione premissorum vel eorum alicujus per nos vel per heredes vel successores nostros, Justiciarios, Vicecomites, Escaetores, Coronatores, Ballivos, Ministros, aut alios Officiarios sive Ministros heredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunque inde occasionentur molestentur vexentur seu graventur, aut in aliquo perturbentur.

Volentes ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris firmiter mandantes et precipientes tam Thesaurarijs Cancellarijs et Baronibus Scaccarij nostri apud Westmonasterium ac alijs Justiciarijs et Officiarijs nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quam Attornato et Solicitatori nostris generalibus et Attornatis nostris in

manors, messuages, rectories, incorporations, lañds, tenements and hereditaments aforesaid in accordance with the tenour and effect of these our letters patent and in accordance with the tenour and effect of the charters and letters patent of our ancestors or progenitors aforesaid and any one whomsoever of them in lawful manner not revoked without hindrance or impediment of us our heirs or successors the justices, sheriffs, escheators, coroners, bailiffs or other ministers or officers of us our heirs or successors whomsoever.

Being unwilling that the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid or any one or more of them or their successors by reason of the premises or any one thereof be by us or by our heirs or successors the justices, sheriffs, escheators, coroners, bailiffs, ministers, or other the officers or ministers of us our heirs or successors whomsoever therefor troubled, molested, vexed or harmed or in any manner disturbed.

Willing and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors firmly commanding and ordering as well the treasurers, chancellors and barons of our exchequer at Westminster and others the justices and officers of us our heirs and successors as our attorney and solicitor general, and our attorneys

Curijs quibuscunque pro tempore existentibus et eorum cuilibet, et omnibus Officiarijs et Ministris nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quod nec ipsi nec eorum aliquis vel aliqui aliquod Breve aut summonicionem de quo Warranto sive aliquod aliud Breve, Brevia vel Processum nostra quecunque versus ipsos Majorem Vicecomitem Cives et Communitatem Civitatis predictæ vel eorum aliquem vel aliquos vel eorum successores pro aliquibus Chartis literis Patentibus consuetudinibus privilegijs Jurisdictionibus causis rebus materijs offensis clameis aut usurpacionibus, aut eorum aliquo per ipsos vel eorum aliquem vel aliquos debitis clamatis attemptatis usitatis habitis seu usurpatis ante diem confeccionis harum literarumstrarum Patencium prosequantur aut continuantur¹, aut prosequi aut continuari faciant vel causabunt aut eorum aliquis faciet aut causabit.

Volentes eciam quod ijdem Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas Civitatis predictæ vel eorum aliqui per aliquem vel aliquos Justiciarios Officiarios vel Ministros predictos in aut pro debito usu clameo vel abusu aliquarum libertatum franchesiarum aut Jurisdictionum infra Civitatem predictam vel infra Suburbia et precinctus ejusdem vel infra Comitatum Civitatis predictæ ante diem confecciones presencium minime molestantur vexentur impediuntur aut ad ea vel eorum aliquod vel aliqua respondere compellentur.

in any whatever courts for the time being and any one of them, and all the officers and ministers of us our heirs and successors, that neither they nor any one or more of them prosecute or carry on any writ or summons of *Quo Warranto* or any other our writ, writs, or process whatsoever against them the mayor, sheriff, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid or any one or more of them or their successors for any charters, letters patent, customs, privileges, jurisdictions, causes, things, matters, offences, claims or usurpations or any one of them by them or any one or more of them due, claimed, attempted, used, had or usurped before the date of the completing of these our letters patent, or make or cause, or any one of them make or cause the same to be prosecuted or carried on.

Willing also that the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid or any of them be by no manner of means molested, vexed, hindered or compelled to reply to them or any one or more of them by the justices, officers or ministers aforesaid, one or more, in or for the due use, claim or abuse of any liberties, franchises or jurisdictions within the city aforesaid or within the suburbs and precincts thereof or within the county of the city aforesaid before the date of the completion of these presents.

¹ *sic.*

Volumus insuper ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictæ et successoribus suis quod hec presens Charta nostra sic eis ut prefertur generaliter facta sit et erit ejusdem vigoris et effectus qualis¹ esset si omnes priores concessiones et litere Patentis Antecessorum vel Progenitorum nostrorum verbatim et seriatim in hijs presentibus recitate fuissent, ac si omnia premissa superius specificata seu in literis Patentibus superius recitatis vel in aliqua illarum mencionata plus specialiter legittime et perticulariter in hac eadem Charta nostra exprimerentur et specific[ar]entur, Et quod dicta Charta nostra intelligatur adjudicetur et determinetur pro parte ipsorum Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis predictæ et successorum suorum erga nos heredes et successores nostros prout melius et beneficencius poterit sciri et intelligi.

Non obstante aliqua omissione defectu repugnancia falsa recitatione misprisione seu contradiccione in eadem.

Salvo semper et reservato nobis et heredibus nostris in Jure Ducatus nostri Lancastrie Castro nostro Lincolnie, ac fossatis et muris ejusdem infra et extra cum omnibus suis membris visu franci

Moreover we will and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors that this our present charter thus generally made to them as is aforesaid be and shall be of the same virtue and effect as it would be if all the former grants and letters patent of our ancestors or progenitors had been recited word for word and at full length in these presents just as if all the premises above specified or in the above specified letters patent or in any of them mentioned were expressed and specified more especially lawfully and particularly in this same our charter, And that the said our charter be understood, adjudged and determined on the behalf of them the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors in regard to us our heirs and successors as it can best and most beneficially be known and understood.

Notwithstanding any omission, defect, repugnance, false recital, misprision or contradiction therein.

Saving always and reserving to us and our heirs in right of our Duchy of Lancaster our castle of Lincoln and the ditches and walls thereof within and without with all its members, view of frank-pledge and whatsoever appertains

¹ *quales* in original.

plegij et quicquid ad visum franci plegij pertinet et omnibus libertatibus privilegijs et franchises eidem pertinentibus, Ac omnibus alijs franchises et libertatibus nostris adeo libere et integre sicut modo occupantur et utantur.

Et Salvo semper et reservato Episcopo Lincolnensi, necnon Decano et Capitulo Ecclesie Cathedralis Lincolnensis, et Domino Libertatis de Bemon ffee heredibus et successoribus suis omnimodis libertatibus privilegijs franchises immunitatibus et consuetudinibus, que de jure aliquo modo antehac usi fuerunt habuerunt et modo habent, hijs presentibus vel aliqua in eisdem specificata in aliquo non obstantibus.

Volumus eciam et per presentes concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictae quod habeant et habebunt has literas nostras Patentes sub magno Sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo factas et sigillatas absque fine seu feodo magno vel parvo nobis in hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad usum nostrum proinde quouomodo reddendo solvendo vel faciendo.

Eo quod expressa mencio de vero valore annuo vel de certitudine premissorum sive eorum alicujus, aut de alijs donis sive concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum sive predecessorum nostrorum prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civi-

to the view of frank-pledge and all liberties, privileges and franchises to the same belonging, and all other our franchises and liberties as freely and wholly as they are now occupied and used.

And saving always and reserving to the bishop of Lincoln also to the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Lincoln, and to the lord of the liberty of "Bemon Fee" their heirs and successors all manner of the liberties, privileges, franchises, immunities and customs which of right in any manner before this time they have used, had and now have, these presents or any things therein specified in any manner whatever notwithstanding.

We will also and by these presents grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid that they have and shall have these our letters patent in due manner made and sealed under our great seal of England without in any manner whatever yielding, paying, or making therefor fine or fee great or small to us in our hanaper or elsewhere to our use.

Although express mention of the true yearly value or of the certainty of the premises or of any thereof, or of other gifts or grants by us or by any one of our progenitors or predecessors to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens

tatis predicte ante hec tempora factis in presentibus minime facta existit aut aliquo Statuto Actu Ordinacione Provisione Proclamatione sive restriccionem in contrarium inde antehac habito facto edito ordinato sive proviso, aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunque in aliquo non obstante.

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus Patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium decimo octavo die Decembris, anno Regni nostri Quarto.

per Breve de privato Sigillo
Wolseley.

In a later hand :

Taxatur finis ad viginti marcas
Th. Coventrye C.

and commonalty of the city aforesaid before these times made does not stand made in these presents, or any statute, act, ordinance, provision, proclamation or restriction to the contrary thereof before this time had, made, published, ordained or provided, or any other thing, cause or matter whatsoever in any manner whatever notwithstanding.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the eighteenth day of December in the fourth year of our reign.

By writ of privy seal.
Wolseley.

Fine taxed at twenty marks.
Thomas Coventry.

CHARTER OF KING CHARLES II.

[17 December, 36th year, 1684.]

CAROLUS secundus Dei gratia Anglie Scocie Francie et Hibernie Rex fidei defensor et cetera omnibus ad quos presentes Litere pervenerint salutem.

Sciatis quod nos melioracionem Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie gratiose affectantes et volentes quod de cetero imperpetuum in eadem Civitate Lincolnie continuo habeatur unus certus et indubitatus modus de et pro custodia pacis ac bono regimine et gubernacione populi nostri ibidem et quod Civitas predicta de cetero imperpetuum sit et permaneat Civitas pacis et quietis ad formidinem et terrorem malorum et delinquentium et in premium bonorum et ut pax nostra ceteraque facta Justicie ibidem melius observentur sperantesque quod si Cives et Inhabitantes Civitatis predictae et successores sui amplioribus ex concessione nostra Libertatibus et Privilegiis gaudeant et fruuntur tunc ad servicia que poterint nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris impendenda et exhibenda specialius fortiusque se sentiant obligatos de gratia nostra speciali ac

CHARLES the Second by the grace of God king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith et cetera, To all unto whom the present letters shall have come, greeting.

Know ye that we graciously desiring the bettering of the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln and willing that from henceforth for ever in the same city of Lincoln there be continually had one certain and undoubted manner of and for the keeping of the peace and good rule and government of our people therein and that the city aforesaid from henceforth for ever be and remain a city of peace and quiet to the fear and terror of the wicked and delinquents and for the reward of the good, and that our peace and the rest of the deeds of justice therein be the better observed, and hoping that if the citizens and inhabitants of the city aforesaid and their successors rejoice in and enjoy more abundant liberties and privileges from our grant then they may feel themselves more especially and more strongly obliged to the performance and proffering of the services that are in their power to us our heirs and successors, of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and

ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris voluimus ordinavimus constituimus declaravimus et concessimus Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris

Volumus ordinamus declaramus concedimus et constituimus quod predicta Civitas nostra Lincolnie cum Suburbiiis precinctibus et circuitibus ejusdem de cetero imperpetuum erit Libera Civitas de se et quod Cives et Inhabitantes Civitatis illius et suburbiorum precinctuum et circuituum predictorum per quodcunque nomen sive per quecunque nomina antehac incorporati fuerunt ac utrum antehac Incorporati fuerunt sive non et successores sui de cetero imperpetuum sint et erint unum Corpus Corporatum et Politicum in re facto et nomine per nomen Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie Et eos per nomen Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie unum Corpus Corporatum et Politicum in re facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris erigimus facimus ordinamus constituimus confirmamus et declaramus per presentes et quod per idem nomen habeant successionem perpetuam Et quod ipsi per idem nomen Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie predictae sint et erint perpetuis futuris temporibus persone habiles et in Lege capaces ad habendum perquirendum recipiendum et possidendum terras tene-

mere motion have willed, ordained, constituted, declared and granted and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors

We will, ordain, declare, grant and constitute that the aforesaid our city of Lincoln with the suburbs, precincts and circuits thereof henceforth for ever shall be a free city of itself and that the citizens and inhabitants of that city and the suburbs, precincts and circuits aforesaid, by whatsoever name or by whatsoever names before this time they have been incorporated and whether before this time they have been incorporated or not, and their successors henceforth for ever be and shall be one body corporate and politic in deed, fact and name by the name of the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln, And them by the name of the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln for ourselves our heirs and successors we erect, make, ordain, constitute, confirm and declare by these presents one body corporate and politic in deed, fact and name really and to the full, and that by the same name they have perpetual succession, And that they by the same name of the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid be and shall be in perpetual future times persons able and in law capable to have, acquire, receive and possess lands, tenements,

menta Libertates privilegia Jurisdictiones franchises et hereditamenta cujuscunque generis nature vel speciei fuerint sibi et successoribus suis in feodo et perpetuitate ac etiam bona et catalla et quascunque alias res cujuscunque generis nature vel spec[i]ei fuerint, necnon ad dandum concedendum dimittendum et assignandum terras tenementa et hereditamenta bona et catalla, acetiam ad omnia et singula alia facta et res faciendum et exequendum per nomen predictum Et quod per idem nomen Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie predicte placitare et implacitari respondere et responderi defendere et defendi valeant et possint in quibuscunque Curijs et locis et coram quibuscunque Justiciarijs Judicibus et alijs Personis et Officiarijs nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum in omnibus sectis querelis placitis causis materijs et demandis realibus personalibus et mixtis quibuscunque tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus cujuscunque sint generis nature vel speciei eisdem modo et forma prout alij Ligei nostri hujus Regni nostri Anglie persone habiles et in Lege capaces placitare et implacitari respondere et responderi defendere et defendi ac habere perquirere recipere possidere dare concedere et dimittere valeant et possint Et quod Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas Civitatis predicte et successores sui habeant imperpetuum Comune Sigillum pro causis et negotijs suis et successorum suorum

liberties, privileges, jurisdictions, franchises and hereditaments of whatsoever kind, nature or sort they may have been, to themselves and their successors in fee and in perpetuity, and also goods and chattels and any other things whatsoever of whatsoever kind, nature or sort they may have been, also to give, grant, demise and assign lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels, and also to do and perform all and singular other facts and deeds by the name aforesaid, And that by the same name of the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid they may and can plead and be impleaded, reply and be replied to, defend and be defended in any whatsoever courts and places and before any whatever justices, judges and other persons and officers of us our heirs and successors in all suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands real, personal and mixed whatsoever as well spiritual as temporal of whatsoever kind, nature or sort they be after the same manner and form as others our lieges of this our realm of England, persons able and in law capable may and can plead and be impleaded, reply and be replied to, defend and be defended and have, acquire, receive, possess, give, grant and demise, And that the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors have for ever a common seal to serve for executing their causes and affairs and those of their successors whatsoever

quibuscunque agendis deserviturum Et quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictæ et successoribus suis Sigillum illud ad libitum suum de tempore in tempus frangere mutare et de novo facere prout eis melius fieri et fore videbitur Quodque de cetero imperpetuum sint et erint infra Civitatem et Comitatum Civitatis predict' triginta et quinque Capitales Cives ad minus et non excedentes numerum quadraginta et quinque in toto de Civibus et Liberis hominibus Civitatis predictæ in forma in hijs presentibus inferius expressa eligendi et constituendi qui unacum quatuor Camerarijs Civitatis illius annuatim pro tempore existentibus erunt et nominabuntur Comune Consilium predictæ Civitatis Lincolnie Quodque sint et erint infra Civitatem et Comitatum Civitatis predictæ tresdecim de melioribus Civibus predictis existentes de Comuni Consilio ejusdem Civitatis in forma hic inferius similiter mencionata eligendi et constituendi qui pro tempore erunt et nominabuntur Aldermannos¹ Civitatis predictæ Quodque sit et erit unus de Aldermannis predictis in forma in his presentibus inferius specificata eligendus et constituendus qui erit et nominabitur Major Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ quodque sint et erunt infra Civitatem et Comita-

they be, And that it be and shall be well lawful to the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors from time to time at their pleasure to break, change and make anew that seal as to them shall seem best to be and to be done, And that henceforth for ever there be and shall be within the city and county of the city aforesaid five and thirty chief citizens at the least and not exceeding the number of five and forty in the whole of the citizens and freemen of the city aforesaid to be elected and constituted after the form below in these presents expressed, who together with four chamberlains of that city yearly for the time being shall be and shall be named the common council of the aforesaid city of Lincoln, And that there be and shall be within the city and county of the city aforesaid thirteen of the better citizens aforesaid being members of the common council of the same city to be elected and constituted after the form herein below similarly mentioned who for the time being shall be and shall be called aldermen of the city aforesaid, And that there be and shall be one of the aldermen aforesaid to be elected and constituted after the form in these presents below specified who shall be and shall be named mayor of the city of Lincoln aforesaid, And that there be and shall be within the city and the county of

¹ *sic* in the original.

tum Civitatis predicte duo alij de Civibus et liberis hominibus ejusdem Civitatis in forma hic inferius specificata eligendi et constituendi qui erunt et vocabuntur Vicecomites Civitatis Lincolnie et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis Quodque Vicecomites illi quamdiu in officio illo Vicecomitatus Civitatis predicte continuabunt erunt de communi Concilio Civitatis predicte et infra predictum numerum non excedentem quadraginta et quinque Comunium Conciliariorum numerandi et includendi Quodque sint et erint infra Civitatem et Comitatum Civitatis predict' quatuor alij de Civibus Civitatis Lincolnie predicte qui Officium Vicecomitis et non Officium Majoris ibidem subierunt in forma in his presentibus inferius mencionata eligendi et constituendi qui erunt et nominabuntur Coronatores Civitatis Lincolnie predicte et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis Quodque sint et erunt infra Civitatem predictam quatuor de Civibus et liberis hominibus Civitatis illius qui Officium Vicecomitis dicte Civitatis nunquam subierunt in forma subsequenti annuatim eligendi et constituendi qui erunt et vocabuntur Camerarij Civitatis predicte Quodque Camerarij dicte Civitatis pro tempore existentes tam presentes quam futuri sint et erunt de Comuni Consilio Civitatis illius quamdiu in Officio illo Camerarij predicto continuabunt ultra predictum Numerum non excedentem

the city aforesaid two others of the citizens and freemen of the same city to be elected and constituted after the form herein below specified who shall be and shall be called sheriffs of the city of Lincoln and of the county of the same city, And that those sheriffs so long as they shall continue in that office of shrievalty of the city aforesaid shall be members of the common council of the city aforesaid and shall be numbered and included within the aforesaid number not exceeding five and forty of common councillors, And that there be and shall be within the city and county of the city aforesaid four others of the citizens of the city of Lincoln aforesaid who have exercised the office of sheriff and not the office of mayor therein to be elected and constituted after the form in these presents below mentioned, who shall be and shall be named the coroners of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and of the county of the same city, And that there be and shall be within the city aforesaid four of the citizens and freemen of that city who have never exercised the office of sheriff of the said city yearly to be elected and constituted after the form following who shall be and shall be called the chamberlains of the city aforesaid, And that the chamberlains of the said city for the time being as well the present as the future be and shall be members of the common council of that city so long as they shall continue in that aforesaid office of chamberlain beyond the aforesaid number not exceeding five and forty

quadraginta et quinque in toto superius per presentes limitatum et ordinatum, Quodque reliqui duodecim Aldermanni dicte Civitatis pro tempore existentes erunt de tempore in tempus respective in Concilio assistentes et auxiliantes Maiori dicte Civitatis pro tempore existenti in omnibus rebus causis negotijs et materijs quibuscunque ad dictam Civitatem vel regimen ejusdem tangentibus siue quoquo modo concernentibus Quodque Vicecomites dicte Civitatis et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis pro tempore existentes et reliqui Civium et Communitatis de comuni Consilio ejusdem Civitatis erunt et quilibet eorum erit de tempore in tempus assistentes et attendentes Majori et Aldermannis Civitatis predicte pro tempore existentibus ad procedendum in omnibus rebus causis et negotijs dicte Civitatis et Comitatus ejusdem quandocunque per mandatum Majoris Civitatis predicte Et in vacacione Officij illius per mandatum Aldermannorum Civitatis illius qui Officium Majoris ibidem subierunt vel majoris partis eorundem pro tempore existentium ad hoc su[m]moniti seu vocati fuerint vel eorum aliquis su[m]monitus et vocatus fuerit Quodque Camerarij Civitatis predicte sint de tempore in tempus attendentes Majori Civitatis predicte pro tempore existenti in omnibus ad officium suum respective pertinentibus sive spectantibus.

in the whole above by these presents limited and ordained, And that the remainder twelve aldermen of the said city for the time being shall be from time to time respectively in the council assisting and aiding the mayor of the said city for the time being in all things, causes, affairs and matters whatsoever touching or in any manner whatsoever concerning the said city or the rule thereof, And that the sheriffs of the said city and county of the same city for the time being and the remainder of the citizens and commonalty members of the common council of the same city shall be and every one of them shall be from time to time assisting and attending upon the mayor and aldermen of the city aforesaid for the time being for proceeding in all things, causes and affairs of the said city and county thereof whensoever by command of the mayor of the city aforesaid and in the vacancy of that office by command of the aldermen of that city who have exercised the office of mayor therein or of the greater part of the same for the time being they shall have been summoned or called for this purpose or any one of them shall have been summoned and called, And that the chamberlains of the city aforesaid be from time to time attending upon the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being in all things respectively appertaining or belonging to his office.

Et ulterius volumus constituimus et ordinamus per presentes quod Major Aldermanni et Coronatores Civitatis predictæ modo existentes et reliqui Cives Civitatis illius qui antehac in Comuni Concilio ejusdem Civitatis electi fuerunt et modo in plena vita in Comuni Concilio dicte Civitatis existunt sint et erunt de Comuni Concilio ejusdem Civitatis et in Officio illo Communis Concilij Civitatis illius usque diem Lune proximum post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli nunc proxime sequentem respective continuabunt Quodque in et super predictum diem Lune proximum post predictum festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proxime sequentem et exinde pro Annis tunc subsequen-
 tibus Major Aldermanni et Coronatores Civitatis illius qui eodem die sic forent et existunt necnon dilecti nobis Johannes Saul, Johannes Newcomb, Johannes Hare, Samuel Booth, Ricardus Dawson, Johannes Jackson, Originalis Laurence, Thomas Hare, Johannes Dirrick, Johannes Martin, Samuel Rydett, Thomas Longley, Willelmus Holmes, Johannes Ward, Johannes Hall, Robertus Mason, Thomas Kidd, Willelmus Saul, Willelmus Ruxton, et Willelmus Dawson, Cives Civitatis predictæ vel tot et tales eorum qui ad tunc sint superstites sint et erint de Comuni Concilio Civitatis illius et in Officio Communis Conciliarij Civitatis illius durantibus vitis suis naturalibus respective

And further we will, constitute and ordain by these presents that the mayor, aldermen and coroners of the city aforesaid now being and the remainder of the citizens of that city who up to this time have been elected into the common council of the same city and now are in being in full life in the common council of the said city be and shall be members of the common council of the same city and shall respectively continue in that office of common councillor of that city until Monday next after the feast of Saint Michael the archangel now next ensuing, And that on and upon the aforesaid day of Monday next after the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael the archangel then next ensuing and from that time following for the years then ensuing the mayor, aldermen and coroners of that city who upon that same day shall so be and exist, also our beloved John Saul, John Newcomb, John Hare, Samuel Booth, Richard Dawson, John Jackson, Original Lawrence, Thomas Hare, John Dirrick, John Martin, Samuel Rydett, Thomas Longley, William Holmes, John Ward, John Hall, Robert Mason, Thomas Kidd, William Saul, William Ruxton, and William Dawson, citizens of the city aforesaid or so many and such of them who at that time be surviving be and shall be members of the common council of that city and shall respectively continue in the office of common councillor of that city during their natural lives,

continuabunt nisi interim ab officio illo modo et forma inferius vel in priori charta ordinatis amovebuntur vel eorum aliquis amovebitur.

Assignavimus etiam nominavimus constituimus fecimus et declaravimus Ac per presentes Assignamus nominamus constituimus confirmamus facimus et declaramus dilectum nobis Thomam Kent modo Majorem Civitatis predictæ et dilectos nobis Willelmum Hooton, Thomam Townrowe, Georgium Bracebridge, Josephum Lodington, Johannem Carr, Edwardum Greene, Johannem Bate, Jacobum Garnon, Stephanum Lodington, Johannem Coxall, Samuel' Gibson, et Thomam Mawmell, fore et esse tresdecim presentes et modernos Aldermannos Civitatis predictæ continuandos in Officio illo Aldermani Civitatis illius durantibus vitis suis naturalibus nisi interim ab Officio illo Aldermani ipsi vel eorum aliquis vel aliqui modo et forma per presentes inferius ordinatis amovebuntur vel amovebitur.

Assignavimus etiam nominavimus constituimus fecimus et declaravimus Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Assignamus nominamus constituimus et declaramus predictum Thomam Kent fore et esse modernum Majorem dicte Civitatis suburbiorum et Libertatum ejusdem Volentes quod ipse idem Thomas Kent in Officio Majoris dicte Civitatis erit et continuabit usque ad

unless in the meantime from that office after the manner and form below or in the previous charter ordained they shall be amoved or any one of them shall be amoved.

We have also assigned, nominated, constituted, made and declared and by these presents we assign, nominate, constitute, confirm, make and declare our beloved Thomas Kent now mayor of the city aforesaid and our beloved William Hooton, Thomas Townrowe, George Bracebridge, Joseph Lodington, John Carr, Edward Greene, John Bate, James Garnon, Stephen Lodington, John Coxall, Samuel Gibson and Thomas Mawmell to be about to be and to be the thirteen present and existing aldermen of the city aforesaid to be continued in that office of alderman of that city during their natural lives unless in the meantime from that office of alderman they or any one or more of them after the manner and form by these presents below ordained shall be one or more amoved.

We have also assigned, nominated, constituted, made and declared And by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors assign, nominate, constitute and declare the aforesaid Thomas Kent to be about to be and to be the existing mayor of the said city, the suburbs and liberties thereof, Willing that he the same Thomas Kent shall be and shall continue in the office of

meridiem diei festi Sancti Michaelis Archangeli nunc proxime sequentis et abinde quousque alius secundum formam in presentibus et in Priori Carta expressam in Officio Majoris electus et prefectus fuerit si idem Thomas Kent tamdiu vixerit.

Necnon assignavimus nominavimus constituimus et fecimus et declaravimus Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Assignamus nominamus constituimus facimus et declaramus dilectos nobis Thomam Nicholson et Thomam Barret modo Vicecomites fore et esse modernos Vicecomites Civitatis predictæ et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis continuandos in Officio illo usque ad meridiem diei sive festi Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proxime sequentis post datum presentium si tamdiu vixerint et abinde quousque duo alij secundum formam in presentibus expressam in Officio Vicecomitis electi et prefecti fuerint si ijdem Thomas Nicholson [et] Thomas Barrett tamdiu vixerint.

Assignavimus etiam nominavimus constituimus fecimus et declaravimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Assignamus nominamus constituimus facimus et declaramus dilectos nobis Johannem Saul, Johannem Newcomb, Johannem Hare,

mayor of the said city until the noon of the day of the feast of Saint Michael the archangel now next ensuing and from that time forward until another according to the form in these presents and in the previous charter expressed shall have been elected and preferred into the office of mayor if the same Thomas Kent shall so long live.

Also we have assigned, nominated, constituted and made and declared and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors we assign, nominate, constitute, make and declare our beloved Thomas Nicholson and Thomas Barret now sheriffs to be about to be and to be the existing sheriffs of the city aforesaid and of the county of the same city to be continued in that office until the noon of the day or feast of Saint Michael the archangel next ensuing after the date of these presents if they shall so long have lived and from that time forward until two others in accordance with the form in the presents expressed shall have been elected and preferred into that office of sheriff if the same Thomas Nicholson [and] Thomas Barrett shall so long have lived.

We have also assigned, nominated, constituted, made and declared and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors we assign, nominate, constitute, make and declare our beloved John Saul, John Newcomb, John

et Samuel' Booth, modo Coronatores Civitatis predicte et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis fore et esse Presentes et modernos Coronatores Civitatis illius et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis et continuandos in Officio illo Coronatoris Civitatis et Comitatus predictorum durantibus vitis suis naturalibus nisi interim ab Officio illo Coronatoris ipsi vel eorum aliquis vel aliqui modo et forma inferius per presentes ordinatis amovebuntur vel amovebitur, Necnon assignavimus nominavimus constituimus fecimus et declaravimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constituimus facimus et declaramus dilectos nobis Johannem Bate Juniores, Thomam Colson, Brianum Lamb, et Willelmum Watson, modo Camerarios Civitatis predicte fore et esse presentes et modernos Camerarios Civitatis predicte continuandos in Officio illo usque ad meridiem diei Lune proxime sequentis post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli nunc proxime futurum et abinde quousque alij secundum formam in presentibus expressam in Officio Camerarij tunc vacante¹ electi et prefecti fuerint nisi interim ab Officio illo Camerarij ipsi vel eorum aliquis sive aliqui modo et forma per presentes inferius ordinatis amovebuntur vel amovebitur.

Hare and Samuel Booth, now the coroners of the city aforesaid and of the county of the same city, to be about to be and to be the present and existing coroners of that city and of the county of the same city and to be continued in that office of coroner of the city and of the county aforesaid during their natural lives unless in the meantime from that office of coroner they or any one or more of them after the manner and form below by these presents ordained shall one or more be removed.

Also we have assigned, nominated, constituted, made and declared and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors we assign, nominate, constitute, make and declare our beloved John Bate the younger, Thomas Colson, Brian Lamb and William Watson, now the chamberlains of the city aforesaid, to be about to be and to be the present and existing chamberlains of the city aforesaid to be continued in that office until the noon of Monday next ensuing after the feast of Saint Michael the archangel now next about to be and from that time forward until others in accordance with the form in these presents expressed shall have been elected and preferred into the office of chamberlain then vacant, unless in the meantime from that office of chamberlain they or any one or more of them after the manner and form by these presents below ordained shall one or more be removed.

¹ *vacante* in the original.

Volumus autem quod omnes et singuli hujusmodi Vicecomites Camerarij et Cives de comuni Concilio Civitatis predictæ sic de novo electi antequam ad executionem Officiorum suorum admittentur Sacramentum Corporale ad Officia sua respective fideliter exequendum prout inferius mencionatur administrandum prestabunt et quilibet eorum prestabit.

Et ulterius volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ et successoribus suis quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum habeant et habebunt unum Virum preclarum per Majorem Aldermannos et Comune Concilium Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existentes vel majorem partem eorundem qui presentes erunt et se interesse voluerint Et ubi suffragia electorum sunt equalia per illam¹ partem et medietatem illorum quorum Major Civitatis illius unus fuerit eligendum et constituendum qui erit et vocabitur Recordator Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ ad omnia eidem Officio qualitercunque pertinentia pro bono publico ejusdem Civitatis de tempore in tempus durante vita sua imposterum exequendum, ac etiam unum alium Virum probum et in Legibus expertum modo et

Moreover we will that all and singular such sheriffs, chamberlains and citizens, members of the common council of the city aforesaid, thus newly elected, before that they shall be admitted to the execution of their offices shall take and every one of them shall take corporal oath for faithfully executing their offices respectively as is below mentioned to be administered.

And further we have willed and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors that they and their successors for ever have and shall have one illustrious man to be elected and constituted by the mayor, aldermen and common council of the city aforesaid for the time being or the greater part of the same who shall be present and shall have been willing to take part therein, and in the case where the votes of the electors are equal by that part and moiety of them of whom the mayor of that city shall be one, who shall be and shall be called the recorder of the city of Lincoln aforesaid for performing hereafter from time to time during his lifetime all things in any way whatever appertaining to the same office for the public good of the same city, and also one other man worthy and skilled in the laws to be elected and constituted after the manner and form

¹ *illum* in the original.

forma predictis eligendum et constituendum qui erit et vocabitur Seneschallus Curie Civitatis illius ad antiquas Curias de Burghmamott et Curias Forinsecas infra Civitatem predictam et alias Curias ibidem quascunque tenendum ac omnia alia eidem Officio pertinentia durante vita sua similiter exequendum, necnon unum alium virum honestum et idoneum modo et forma predictis eligendum et constituendum qui erit et vocabitur Communis Clericus Civitatis predictae ad omnia eidem Officio pertinentia pro publico servicio Civitatis illius faciendum et exequendum, quem quidem Comunem Clericum dicte Civitatis pro tempore existentem fore etiam Clericus Pacis infra Civitatem predictam Libertates suburbia et Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis Volumus Ordinamus et Declaramus per presentes ad exequendum durante vita sua omnia que ad officium Clerici Pacis in aliquo Comitatu hujus regni nostri Anglie pertinent.

Et ulterius volumus ac per presentes pro Nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predictae et successoribus suis quod ipsi et successores sui decetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt infra Civitatem predictam unum Ensiferum unum S[c]eptriferum ac Clamato-rem ac quatuor Servientes ad Clavam sive Ballivos ejusdem Civi-

aforesaid who shall be and shall be called the steward of the court of that city for holding the ancient courts of burghmanmott and courts foreign within the city aforesaid and any other whatsoever courts therein, and performing in similar manner during his lifetime all other things appertaining to the same office, Also one other honest and fitting man to be elected and constituted after the manner and form aforesaid, who shall be and shall be called the common clerk of the city aforesaid for doing and performing all things appertaining to the same office for the public service of that city: which common clerk indeed of the said city for the time being we will, ordain and declare by these presents to be about to be also clerk of the peace within the city aforesaid, the liberties, suburbs and county of the same city, to perform during his lifetime all things which appertain to the office of a clerk of the peace in any county of this our realm of England.

And further we have willed and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors that they and their successors from henceforth for ever have and shall have within the city aforesaid one sword-bearer, one mace-bearer and crier and four sergeants at

tatis necnon Constabularios ac alios inferiores Officiarios necessarios pro Civitate predicta et Comitatu ejusdem Civitatis de tempore in tempus nominandos et eligendos in eisdem modo et forma prout in eadem Civitate antehac consuetum fuit.

Et pro meliori execucione voluntatis nostre in hac parte assignavimus nominavimus constituimus et fecimus Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Assignamus nominamus constituimus et facimus predilectum et perquam fidelem Consanguineum et Consiliarium nostrum Robertum Comitem Lindsey Magnum Camerarium Anglie fore et esse presentem et modernum Recordatorem Civitatis predictæ continuandum in eodem Officio durante vita sua naturali.

Et Volumus et per presentes concedimus Quod liceat et licebit Recordatori Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existenti de tempore in tempus ad libitum suum quoties conveniens erit facere et constituere unum probum et discretum Virum in Legibus Anglie peritum Barrister' quinque Annorum ad minus fore et esse Deputatum ipsius Recordatoris Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existentis continuandum in eodem Officio Deputati Recordatoris Civitatis predictæ durante Beneplacito Recordatoris Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existentis qui quidem

mace or bailiffs of the same city, also constables and other inferior officers necessary for the city aforesaid and the county of the same city from time to time to be nominated and elected after the same manner and form as hitherto has been the custom in the same city.

And for the better performance of our will in this behalf we have assigned, nominated, constituted and made and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors we assign, nominate, constitute and make our well-beloved and very faithful kinsman and councillor Robert Earl of Lindsey Great Chamberlain of England to be about to be and to be the present and existing recorder of the city aforesaid to be continued in the same office during his natural lifetime.

And we will and by these presents grant that it be and shall be lawful to the recorder of the city aforesaid for the time being from time to time at his pleasure so often as it shall be convenient to make and constitute one worthy and discreet man skilled in the laws of England, a 'barrister' of at least five years standing, to be about to be and to be the deputy of that recorder of the city aforesaid for the time being to be continued in the same office of a deputy recorder of the city aforesaid during the good pleasure of the recorder of the city aforesaid for the time being, which deputy recorder indeed of the

Deputatus Recordator Civitatis predicte sic ut prefertur deputandus et constituendus omnia et singula que ad Officium Recordatoris Civitatis predicte infra eandem¹ Civitatem suburbia Libertates et Precinctus ejusdem pertinent vel pertinere debent facienda et exequenda facere et exequi valeat et possit vigore harum Literarum nostrarum Patentium adeo plene Libere et integre prout Recordator Civitatis predicte pro tempore existens virtute harum Literarum nostrarum Patentium si presens esset aut aliquo alio modo valeat aut possit.

Assignavimus etiam nominavimus constituimus et fecimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constituimus et facimus dilectum nobis Robertum Marshall Armigerum fore et esse presentem et modernum Senescallum Curie Civitatis illius ad antiquas Curias de Burghmamott et Curias forinsecas et alias Curias ibidem quascunque tenendum Ac omnia alia Curias eidem Officio pertinentes durante vita sua similiter exequendum.

Assignavimus etiam nominavimus constituimus et fecimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constituimus et facimus dilectum nobis Originalem Peart

city aforesaid thus as is aforesaid to be deputed and constituted may and can do and perform all and singular the things which appertain or ought to appertain to the office of the recorder of the city aforesaid within the same city, the suburbs, liberties and precincts thereof to be done and performed by virtue of these our letters patent as fully, freely and wholly as the recorder of the city aforesaid for the time being by virtue of these our letters patent may or can if he were present or in any other way.

We have also assigned, nominated, constituted and made and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors assign, nominate, constitute and make our beloved Robert Marshall, esquire, to be about to be and to be the present and existing steward of the court of that city to hold the ancient courts of burghmannot and courts foreign and any other whatsoever courts therein, and to perform all other the courts to the same office appurtenant likewise during his lifetime.

We have also assigned, nominated, constituted and made and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors assign, nominate, constitute and make our beloved Original Peart, gentleman, to be about to be and to be

¹ *eundem* in the original,

generosum fore et esse presentem et modernum Communem Clericum et Clericum Pacis Civitatis predictæ et Comitatus Civitatis predictæ.

Volumus etiam quod Ricardus Farmery sit et erit Presens et modernus Ensifer Ambrosius Lawton presens et modernus Sceptrifer et Thomas Watkin presens et modernus Communis Clamator Civitatis predictæ.

Et ulterius volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictæ et successoribus suis Quod Major Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existens ac Recordator ejusdem Civitatis et ejus Deputatus pro tempore existentes necnon omnes et singuli Aldermanni dicte Civitatis qui Officium Majoris ejusdem Civitatis habuerunt et exercuerunt necnon omnes alij hujusmodi Aldermanni Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existentes qui de tempore in tempus Officium Majoris Civitatis illius subierint durante tempore quo erunt Aldermanni Civitatis predictæ de cetero imperpetuum sint et erint Justiciarij nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum et eorum quilibet sit et erit Justiciarius noster heredum et successorum nostrorum ad Pacem nostram heredum et successorum nostrorum infra Civitatem predictam et Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis Libertates et Precinctus

the present and existing common clerk and clerk of the peace of the city aforesaid and county of the city aforesaid.

We will also that Richard Farmery be and shall be the present and existing sword-bearer, Ambrose Lawton the present and existing mace-bearer, and Thomas Watkin the present and existing common crier of the city aforesaid.

And further we will and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors that the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being and the recorder of the same city and his deputy for the time being, also all and singular the aldermen of the said city who have had and exercised the office of mayor of the same city, also all other such aldermen of the city aforesaid for the time being who from time to time have exercised the office of mayor of that city during the time when they shall be aldermen of the city aforesaid from henceforth for ever be and shall be justices of us our heirs and successors and each one of them be and shall be justice of us our heirs and successors within the city aforesaid and the county of the same city, the liberties and precincts thereof, for preserving and keeping the peace of

eorundem conservandum et custodiendum ac conservari et custodiri faciendum ac ad omnia Ordinaciones et Statuta pro bono Pacis nostre aut pro conservacione ejusdem aut pro quieto regimine et gubernacione Populi nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum edita in omnibus suis Articulis in Civitate predicta et Comitatu ejusdem Civitatis et Libertatum et precinctuum eorundem Juxta Vim formam et effectum eorundem custodiendum et custodiri faciendum Et ad omnes contra formam et Ordinem Ordinacionum et Statutorum illorum aut eorum alicujus in Civitate et Comitatu predictis libertatibus vel precinctibus eorundem seu eorum alterius transgressores et delinquentes castigandum et Puniendum prout secundum formam Ordinacionum et Statutorum illorum fuit faciendum Et ad omnes illos qui aliqui vel aliquibus de Populo nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum de Corporibus suis vel de incendio domorum suarum minas fecerint ad sufficientem securitatem de Pace vel de bono gestu suo erga nos heredes et successores nostros et populum nostrum seu Populum heredum et successorum nostrorum inveniendum coram Justiciarijs predictis seu eorum aliquo venire faciendum et si hujusmodi securitatem invenire non possunt seu recusaverint tunc illos omnes in Prisons nostra heredum et successorum nostrorum infra Civitatem predictam vel Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis quousque hujusmodi Securitatem invene-

us our heirs and successors therein and causing the same to be preserved and kept, and for keeping and causing to be kept all the ordinances and statutes published for the good of our peace or for the preservation thereof or for the quiet rule and government of the people of us our heirs and successors in all their articles in the city aforesaid and the county of the same city and the liberties and precincts thereof in accordance with the force, form and effect of the same, And for chastising and punishing all trespassers and delinquents against the form and order of these ordinances and statutes or any one of them in the city and county aforesaid, the liberties or precincts of the same or of either of them, as was to be done according to the form of those ordinances and statutes, And for causing all those who shall have threatened any one or more of the people of us our heirs or successors with bodily harm or setting fire to their houses to come before the justices aforesaid or any of them, for finding sufficient surety for their keeping of the peace or for their good behaviour towards us our heirs and successors and our people or the people of our heirs and successors, and if they cannot find such surety or shall have refused so to do then to cause them all to be kept safely in the prison of us our heirs and successors within the city aforesaid or the county of the same city until they shall have found such surety, and to do all other things which

rint salvo custodire faciendum, et ad faciendum omnia alia que ad Officium Justiciarij Pacis pertinet facienda et exequenda Et quod Major Recordator vel Deputatus Recordator Civitatis predictæ pro tempore existens Et predicti Aldermanni qui Officium Majoris antehac in Civitate predicta exercuerunt aut imposterum ut prefertur de tempore in tempus Officium illud prius subierunt durante tempore quo fuerunt Aldermanni Civitatis predictæ aut aliqui quatuor vel plures eorum quorum Majorem vel alterum duorum Aldermannorum maxime seniorum gradu et ordine predictorum pro tempore existentium unum esse volumus sint Justiciarij nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum ad inquirendum per Sacramentum Proborum et Legalium hominum Comitatus Civitatis predictæ ac alijs modis et medijs quibus sciverint aut poterint per quos rei Veritas melius sciri poterint seu poterit de omnibus et omnimodis Felonijs misprisionibus veneficijs incantacionibus sortilegijs arte magica insurrectionibus rebellionibus Murdris Felonijs homicidijs interfeccionibus Burglarijs raptibus Mulierum Congregacionibus et conventiculis illicitis verborum propalacionibus¹ coadjuvacionibus confederacionibus falsis allegacionibus riotis routis retencionibus Escapijs contemptibus falsitatibus neglegencijs concealmentis transgressionibus forestallarijs regratorijs ingrossoriis et

it appertains to the office of a justice of the peace to be done and performed. And that the mayor, recorder or deputy recorder of the city aforesaid for the time being and the aforesaid aldermen who have exercised the office of mayor before this time in the city aforesaid or hereafter as is aforesaid from time to time previously have exercised that office, during the time that they have been aldermen of the city aforesaid or any four or more of them of whom we will that the mayor or either of the two aldermen of the highest seniority by degree and order aforesaid for the time being be one, be justices of us our heirs and successors to enquire by oath of worthy and lawful men of the county of the city aforesaid and by other manners and means which they know or can know whereby the truth of the matter may be best known to them one or more concerning all and all manner of felonies, misprisions, poisonings, enchantments, witchcrafts, magic art, insurrections, rebellions, murders, felonies, homicides, manslaughters, burglaries, rapes of women, assemblies and unlawful conventicles, divulgings of words, combinations, confederations, false allegations, riots, routs, withholdings, escapes, contempts, falsities, negligencies, concealments, trespasses, forestallings, regratings,

¹ An erasure over the first three letters of the word ; cf. *prolationibus*, p. 235.

extorcionibus quibuscunque Ac eciam de omnibus et singulis alijs malefactis et Offensis de quibus Justiciarij Pacis nostre heredum et successorum nostrorum Legittime inquiri possint aut debeant per quoscunque aut qualitercunque infra Civitatem et Comitatum Civitatis predictæ Libertates et Precinctus eorundem antehac factis perpetratis sive com[m]issis vel imposterum ibidem fiendis vel attemptandis et per quos vel per quem cui vel quibus quando qualiter et quomodo ac de alijs articulis et circumstancijs premissa et eorum quodlibet sive eorum aliquod vel alique qualite[r]cunque concernentibus plenius veritatem inquirendum Ac etiam de omnibus alijs qui in Civitate predicta aut Comitatu ejusdem Civitatis Libertatibus et precinctibus ejusdem in Conventiculis contra Pacem nostram heredum et successorum nostrorum in perturbacionem Populi nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum seu vi armata ierint seu equitaverint aut imposterum ire vel equitare presumpserint Ac de omnibus illis qui ibidem ad gentem nostram mahemandum vel interficiendum in insidiis jacuerunt seu imposterum jacere presumpserint Ac etiam de hostellarijs et omnibus et singulis alijs personis qui in abusu Ponderum vel mensurarum seu in vendicione victualium contra formam Ordinacionum et Statutorum illorum vel eorum alicujus inde pro comuni utilitate Regni et populi nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum ejusdem

ingrossings and extortions whatsoever, And also concerning all and singular other ill deeds and offences of which the justices of the peace of us our heirs and successors can or ought lawfully to make enquiry by whomsoever or in what way soever within the city and county of the city aforesaid, the liberties and precincts thereof, before this time done, perpetrated or committed or hereafter therein to be done or attempted and by whom one or more, to whom one or more, when, how and in what manner, and concerning other articles and circumstances in any manner whatsoever (concerning) the premises and any one or more thereof to more fully enquire the truth, And also concerning all others who in the city aforesaid or in the county of the same city, the liberties and precincts thereof, in conventicles against the peace of us our heirs and successors to the disturbance of the people of us our heirs and successors or with force of arms shall have gone or ridden or hereafter shall have presumed to go or ride, And concerning all those who shall have therein lain in wait or hereafter shall have presumed to lie in wait for the maiming of our people or slaying them, And also concerning hostellars and all and singular other persons who in abuse of weights or measures or in the sale of victuals against the form of those ordinances and statutes or any of them therefor published for the common utility of the realm and people of us our

editorum deliquerunt¹ vel attemptaverunt vel imposterum delinquere et attemptare presumpserint in Civitate predicta et Comitatu ejusdem Civitatis Libertatibus et Precinctibus eorundem Ac etiam de quibuscunque Vicecomitibus Ballivis Senescallis Constabularijs Custodibus Gaole et alijs Officiarijs qui in execucione Officiorum suorum circa Premissa vel eorum alique indebite se habuerunt vel imposterum indebite se habere presumpserint aut in Officijs suis exequendis se tepide remisse vel negligenter fuerint aut imposterum fore contigerint in Civitate et Comitatu Civitatis predictae aut Libertatibus vel Precinctibus ejusdem Ac de omnibus et singulis articulis et circumstancijs et alijs rebus quibuscunque per quoscunque et qualitercunque infra Civitatem et Comitatum Civitatis predictae Libertates et Precinctus ejusdem factis seu perpetratis vel que ibidem imposterum fieri vel attemptari contigerint qualitercunque premissorum vel eorum alicujus concernentibus Et ad indictamenta quecunque sic antehac coram prefatis Majore et alijs Socijs suis modernis seu nuper Justiciarijs infra Civitatem predictam capta aut que imposterum coram quatuor vel pluribus Aldermannorum predictorum Quorum Majorem Civitatis predictae pro tempore existentem vel unum duorum Aldermannorum

heirs and successors of the same have been delinquent or attempted or hereafter shall have presumed to be delinquent and to attempt in the city aforesaid and in the county of the same city, the liberties and precincts of the same, And also concerning any whomsoever sheriffs, bailiffs, stewards, constables, keepers of the gaol and other officers who in the execution of their offices concerning the premises or any thereof have conducted themselves unduly or hereafter shall have presumed to conduct themselves unduly or in the performance of their offices shall have conducted themselves in a lukewarm manner remissly or negligently or hereafter shall have happened so to do in the city and county of the city aforesaid or the liberties or precincts thereof, And concerning all and singular articles and circumstances and other things whatsoever by whomsoever and in what way soever within the city and county of the city aforesaid, the liberties and precincts thereof, done or perpetrated or which therein hereafter shall have happened to be done or attempted in any manner whatsoever concerning the premises or any thereof, And to inspect any indictments whatsoever thus before this time before the abovesaid mayor and others his companions present or late justices within the city aforesaid taken, or which hereafter before four or more of the aldermen aforesaid (of whom the mayor of the city aforesaid for the time being or one

¹ *deliquerunt* in the original.

maxime seniorum gradu et ordine pro tempore existentium ut prefetur unum esse volumus imposterum capienda inspiciendum Et ad Processus inde versus omnes et singulos sic indictatos vel quos imposterum ibidem indictari contigerit quousque capiantur reddant se vel utlagentur faciendum et continuandum Et ad omnia et singula Felonias Murdra et alia Premissa secundum Legem et Statuta Regni nostri Anglie prout hujusmodi casu fieri consuevit aut debuit audiendum et terminandum Necnon diligenter super premissa facere inquisitiones et premissa omnia et singula audire et terminare et ea facere et explere in forma predicta seu per finem redemptionem amerciamantum forisfacturam ac alio modo quocunque facturi inde que ad Officium Justiciarij pacis pertinet secundum Legem et consuetudinem Regni nostri Anglie aut secundum formam Ordinacionum sive Statutorum predictorum fieri consuevit aut debuit ad castigandum et puniendum Ita quod nullus Justiciarius Pacis nostre heredum et successorum nostrorum Comitatus Lincolnensis in Civitatem Lincolnie aut Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis Lincolnie Libertates vel Precinctus eorundem ad aliquod ibidem faciendum vel exequendum Quod ad Officium Justiciarij Pacis pertinet ingrediatur nec se inde in aliquo intromittat sine Speciali Co[m]missione vel Warranto nostro heredum seu successorum nostrorum in ea parte prius obtento sive obtinendo.

of the two aldermen of the highest seniority by degree and order for the time being as is aforesaid we will to be one) hereafter shall be taken, And to make and continue processes thereof against all and singular thus indicted or who hereafter therein shall happen to be indicted, until they be arrested, surrender themselves or be outlawed, And to hear and determine all and singular felonies, murders and other the premises according to the law and statutes of our realm of England as in such case it has been customary or ought to be done, Also diligently in respect of the premises to make inquisitions and to hear and determine all and singular the premises and to perform and fulfil them in form aforesaid or by fine, redemption, amercement, forfeiture and any other way whatsoever being about to do therein those things which it appertains to the office of justice of the peace to be done according to the law and custom of our realm of England or according to the form of the ordinances or statutes aforesaid was customary or due for chastisement and punishment, So that no justice of the peace of us our heirs and successors of the county of Lincoln interpose himself into the city of Lincoln or county of the same city of Lincoln, the liberties or precincts thereof, to do or perform anything therein which appertains to the office of justice of the peace, nor introduce himself therein in any manner without special commission or warrant of us our heirs or successors in that behalf being first of all obtained or to be obtained.

Volumus ulterius ac per presentes concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predicte et successoribus suis quod Major Recordator et ejus Deputatus pro tempore existentes et Aldermanni Civitatis predicte et successores sui sic ut prefetur in Officio Justiciarij Pacis existentes aut aliqui quatuor vel plures illorum quorum Majorem vel alterum duorum seniorum Aldermannorum dicte Civitatis pro tempore existentium unum esse volumus de tempore in tempus imperpetuum sint Justiciarij nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum ad Gaolam dicte Civitatis Lincolnie et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis de Prisonarijs in eisdem existentibus et extunc eidem Gaole ex quacunque causa quod ad Justiciarium Pacis pertinet com[m]ittendis de tempore in tempus deliberandum et quod Vicecomites Comitatus Civitatis predicte omnia Juratas Inquisitiones Pannella attachiamenta et alia per eos vel eorum alterum capta et imposterum capienda coram prefatis Majore et Aldermannis sic ut prefetur in Officio Justiciarij Pacis infra Comitatum Civitatis predicte existentibus aut aliquibus quatuor vel Pluribus eorum quorum prefatos Majorem vel alterum duorum Seniorum Aldermannorum pro tempore existentium unum esse volumus Cum et quoties Gaola[s] predictas de Prisonarijs in eisdem existentibus deliberare voluerint de tempore in tempus facient retorum ac eis in omnibus deliberacionibus Gaole

Further we will and by these presents grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors that the mayor, recorder and his deputy for the time being and the aldermen of the city aforesaid and their successors thus as is aforesaid being in the office of justice of the peace or any four or more of them, of whom we will the mayor or either of the two elder aldermen of the said city for the time being be one, from time to time for ever be justices of us our heirs and successors for delivering the gaol of the said city of Lincoln and county of the same city of the prisoners existing in the same and from thenceforward to be committed to the same gaol by reason of any whatsoever cause, which (delivery) appertains to a justice of the peace from time to time, and that the sheriffs of the county of the city aforesaid shall make from time to time return of all the juries, inquisitions, panels, attachments and other things by them or either of them taken and hereafter to be taken before the abovesaid mayor and aldermen thus as is aforesaid existing in the office of justice of the peace within the county of the city aforesaid or any four or more of them of whom we will the aforesaid mayor or either of the two elder aldermen for the time being be one, when and so often as they shall have willed to deliver the gaols aforesaid of the prisoners existing therein, and be attending upon them in all

predicte tangentibus sint attendentes et Precepta eorundem Justiciariorum pro tempore existentium et eorum cujuslibet exequantur de tempore in tempus eisdem modo et forma prout aliquis Vicecomes Regni nostri Anglie coram Justiciarijs ad Gaolam in aliquibus Comitatibus dicti regni nostri Anglie heredum et successorum nostrorum deliberandum assignatis vel assignandis facere retornare intendere vel exequi quovismodo per Legem hujus Regni nostri Anglie consuevit et debuit.

Et ulterius volumus quod omnes et singuli Major Recordator vel ejus Deputatus pro tempore existens et Aldermanni Civitatis predicte tam presentes quam futuri pro tempore existentes qui virtute presentium Officium Justiciarij Pacis infra Comitatum Civitatis predicte exequentur antequam ad Officium illud exequendum admittantur Sacramentum Corporale super sancta Dei Evangelia ad Officium Justiciarij Pacis infra Comitatum Civitatis predicte Libertates et Precinctus ejusdem in omnibus et per omnia ad Officium Justiciarij Pacis pertinentia sive spectantia bene et fideliter exequendum, necnon Juramentum in ea parte per Legem et Statuta hujus Regni nostri Anglie provisum a Justiciarijs Pacis prestari requisitum coram tot de reliquis¹ Aldermannis ejusdem Civitatis

deliveries touching the gaol aforesaid, and perform the orders of the same justices for the time being and of any one of them from time to time after the same manner and form as any sheriff of our realm of England has been wont and ought to make, return, perform or execute in any way whatsoever by the law of this our realm of England before the justices assigned or to be assigned to deliver the gaol in any counties of our said realm of England of us our heirs and successors.

And further we will that all and singular the mayor, recorder or his deputy for the time being and the aldermen of the city aforesaid as well present as to come for the time being, who by virtue of these presents execute the office of justice of the peace within the county of the city aforesaid, before they be admitted to the performance of that office shall take and every one of them shall take corporal oath upon the holy Gospels of God for well and faithfully performing the office of justice of the peace within the county of the city aforesaid, the liberties and precincts thereof, in all things and by all things appertaining or belonging to the office of justice of the peace, also the oath on that behalf by the law and statutes of this our realm of England provided, required to be taken by justices of the peace before so many of the remainder

¹ *reliquis* in the original.

et alijs de Communi Concilio Civitatis predicte qui interesse voluerint prestabunt et eorum quilibet prestabit quibus quidem Aldermannis et reliquis de Communi Concilio Civitatis predicte sic interesse volentibus pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris dandi et administrandi hujusmodi sacramenta prefatis Justiciarijs de tempore in tempus imperpetuum Plenam potestatem pariter et Authoritatem damus et concedimus absque aliqua alia com[m]issione vel alio aut ulteriori warranto a nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in ea parte procurando aut obtinendo.

Proviso semper ac plenam potestatem et authoritatem nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes reservamus de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora imposterum ad Majorem Recordatorem Deputatum Recordatorem Aldermannos Justiciarios ad Pacem Communes Conciliarios Camerarios Senescallum Communem Clericum Clericum Pacis Coronatores Ensiferum Sceptriferum Clamatorem Ballivos et Servientes ad Clavas Civitatis predicte per presentes nominatos et constitutos vel imposterum nominandos et eligendos seu eorum aliquem vel aliquos ad libitum et beneplacitum nostrum heredum et successorum nostrorum per aliquem Ordinem in Privato Concilio factum et sub Sigillo Privati Concilij predicti eisdem respective significatum ad amovendum et amotum et amotos esse declarandum,

of the aldermen of the same city and others members of the common council of the city aforesaid who shall have been willing to take part therein, to which aldermen indeed and remainder of the common council of the city aforesaid thus being willing to be taking part for ourselves our heirs and successors we give and grant full power and likewise authority of giving and administering such oath to the abovesaid justices from time to time for ever, without procuring or obtaining any other commission or other or further warrant from us our heirs and successors in that behalf.

Provided always and for ourselves our heirs and successors by these presents we reserve full power and authority from time to time and at all times hereafter for amoving and declaring to be amoved one or more the mayor, recorder, deputy recorder, aldermen, justices of the peace, common councillors, chamberlains, steward, common clerk, clerk of the peace, coroners, sword-bearer, mace-bearer, crier, bailiffs [and] sergeants-at-mace of the city aforesaid by these presents nominated and constituted or hereafter to be nominated and elected or any one or more of them at the will and good pleasure of us our heirs and successors by any order made in the privy council and signified respectively to the same under the seal of the privy

Et quoties nos heredes et successores nostri per aliquem talem Ordinem in Privato Concilio factum declarabimus seu declarabunt hujusmodi Majorem Recordatorem Deputatum Recordatorem Aldermannos Justiciarios ad Pacem Communes Conciliarios Camerarios Seneschallum Communem Clericum Clericum Pacis Coronatores Ensiferum Sceptriferum Clamatorem Ballivos et Servientes ad Clavam ejusdem Civitatis qui nunc per presentes nominati sunt vel imposterum erunt nominati et electi fore et esse amotum vel amotos a respectivis Officijs suis predictis quod tunc et extunc hujusmodi Major Recordator Deputatus Recordator Aldermanni Justiciarj ad Pacem Communes Conciliarj Camerarij Seneschallus Communis Clericus Clericus Pacis Coronatores Ensifer Sceptrifer Clamator Ballivi Servientes ad Clavam ejusdem Civitatis per presentes nunc nominati vel imposterum constituendi et eligendi sic amotum et amotos esse declarati sive declarandi a seperalibus et respectivis Officijs suis Ipso facto et sine aliquo ulteriori Processu realiter et ad omnes intenciones et proposita quecunque amoti sint et erint amotus sit et erit Et hoc toties quoties casus sic acciderit aliquo in contrarium inde non obstante.

Volumus etiam ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Ordinamus et firmiter injungendo precipimus quod pre-

council aforesaid, And so often as we our heirs and successors by any such order made in the privy council shall declare or they shall declare such mayor, recorder, deputy recorder, aldermen, justices of the peace, common councillors, chamberlains, steward, common clerk, clerk of the peace, coroners, sword-bearer, mace-bearer, crier, bailiffs and sergeants-at-mace of the same city who now by these presents are nominated or hereafter shall be nominated and elected to be about to be and to be amoved, one or more, from their respective offices aforesaid, that then and from that time forward such mayor, recorder, deputy recorder, aldermen, justices of the peace, common councillors, chamberlains, steward, common clerk, clerk of the peace, coroners, sword-bearer, mace-bearer, crier, bailiffs, sergeants-at-mace of the same city by these presents now nominated or hereafter to be constituted and elected thus declared to be amoved, one or more, or to be so declared, be and shall be amoved one or more from their several and respective offices by that very fact and without any other further process really and for all intents and purposes whatsoever, and this so often as the case shall have arisen anything to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

We will also and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors ordain and firmly enjoining command that the aforesaid Thomas Kent above

dictus Thomas Kent superius in presentibus nominatus fore et esse presens Modernus Major Civitatis predictæ antequam ad executionem Officii Majoris ejusdem Civitatis admittatur seu aliquialiter se intro-mittat Sacramentum Corporale super sacrosancta Dei Evangelia ad Officium illud in omnibus et per omnia Officium illud ta[n]gentia bene et fideliter exequendum coram Willelmo Hooton Thoma Townrow Georgio Bracebridge et Josepho Luddington vel aliquibus duobus eorum prestabit Quibus quidem Personis vel aliquibus duobus eorum tale sacramentum prefato Thome dandi et administrandi plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per presentes absque aliquo al[i]o Warranto sive Co[m]missione a nobis in ea parte procurando aut obtinendo.

Et ulterius volumus ac per presentes Ordinamus quod Recordator Deputatus Recordator Aldermanni Vicecomites Comunes Conciliarij Camerarij Communis Clericus Clericus Pacis Coronator Ensifer Sceptifer Clamator Ballivi et Servientes ad Clavas Civitatis predictæ et quilibet eorum in hijs presentibus superius nominati respective sacramentum Corporale ad Officia sua in omnibus et per omnia Officia sua respective tangentia bene et fideliter exequendum coram predictis Majore Civitatis predictæ Willelmo Hooton et Thoma Townrow vel

in these presents nominated to be about to be and to be the present and existing mayor of the city aforesaid, before that he be admitted to the performance of the office of mayor of the same city or in any way whatever introduce himself, shall take corporal oath upon the holy Gospels of God well and faithfully to perform that office in all things and by all things touching that office before William Hooton, Thomas Townrow, George Bracebridge and Joseph Luddington or any two of them, To which persons indeed or to any two of them by these presents we give and grant full power and authority of giving and administering such oath to the abovesaid Thomas, without procuring or obtaining any other warrant or commission from us in that respect.

And further we will and by these presents ordain that the recorder, deputy recorder, aldermen, sheriffs, common councillors, chamberlains, common clerk, clerk of the peace, coroner, sword-bearer, mace-bearer, crier, bailiffs and sergeants-at-mace of the city aforesaid and each and every one of them in these presents above nominated respectively shall take, one or more, corporal oath well and faithfully to perform their offices in all things and by all things respectively touching their offices, before the aforesaid mayor of the city aforesaid William Hooton and Thomas Townrow or any two of them, To

aliquibus duobus eorum prestabunt et eorum quilibet prestabit Quibus quidem Majori Willelmo Hooton et Thome Townrow seperalia sacramenta Officiarijs et personis predictis dandi et administrandi Plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per presentes absque aliquo alio Warranto vel Com[m]issione a nobis in ea parte procurando seu obtinendo.

Et ulterius volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predictae et successoribus suis quod quoties et quandocunque contigerit Majorem Civitatis predictae aut aliquem vel aliquos Aldermannorum Vicecomitum Comunium Conciliariorum Recordatorem Communem Clericum et Clericum Pacis vel alios Officiarios inferiores Civitatis predictae obire seu ab Officio suo vel ab Officijs suis excedere vel amoveri, quos et quem pro rationabili causa amobiles esse et amoveri volumus quod tunc et in quolibet tali casu alia idonea persona vel alie idonee persone de tempore in tempus ad et in Officia illa respective debito modo eligetur et juretur eligentur et jurabuntur eisdem modo et forma per tales Personas et ad hujusmodi Loca dies et tempora prout in dicta Civitate per Spacium septem Annorum jam ultime preteritorum usi-

which mayor indeed William Hooton and Thomas Townrow by these presents we give and grant full power and authority of giving and administering the several oaths to the officers and persons aforesaid without procuring or obtaining any other warrant or commission from us in that respect.

And further we will and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors give and grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors that so often as and whensoever it shall have happened that the mayor of the city aforesaid or any one or more of the aldermen, sheriffs, common councillors, recorder, common clerk and clerk of the peace or others the inferior officers of the city aforesaid dies or departs from or is amoved from his office or their offices, whom one or more we will to be amoveable and amoved for reasonable cause, that then and in each and every such case another fitting person or other fitting persons from time to time to and into those offices respectively in due manner be elected and sworn, one or more, after the same manner and form by such persons and at such places, days and times as in the said city for the space of seven years already last past has been used and accustomed or ought

tatum et consuetum fuit vel fieri debuit et Officium sive Officia Locum sive Loca ad quod vel que sic electus fuerit vel fuerint exercebit et exercebunt pro tali tempore et temporibus et abinde amotus erit vel amoti erint in tali modo qualis in hujusmodi casibus infra Civitatem predictam infra tempus predictum consuetus fuit.

Volumus etiam ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ et successoribus suis concedimus quod ipsi et successores sui decetero imperpetuum habeant teneant et custodiant ac habere tenere et custodire valeant et possint infra Civitatem predictam quolibet Anno imperpetuum unam feriam sive Nundinum in et super quemlibet secundum diem Martis in mense Aprilis et per tres dies extunc successive duraturam Et volumus quod predicta feria sive Nundinum super tres primas dies earundem quatuor dierum sit et erit pro empzione et vendicione equorum et equarum et eorum Pullorum tantum[m]odo Et super ultimum diem predictorum quatuor dierum pro empzione et vendicione tam omnium pecudum quorumcunque quam omnium aliorum bonorum catallorum et mercandiarum quarumcunque cujuscunque fuerint generis nature sive speciei unacum Curia Pedis pulverizati temporibus ferie sive Nundini predictæ ac cum

to be done and shall exercise one or more the office or offices, place or places, to which one or more thus he or they shall have been elected for such time and times and therefrom shall be amoved one or more in such manner as in such cases has been customary within the said city during the time aforesaid.

We will also and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors grant to the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and their successors that they and their successors from henceforth for ever have, hold and keep and may and can have, hold and keep within the city aforesaid in each and every year for ever one fair or market time in and upon each second Tuesday in the month of April and for three days thenceforward successively to endure, And we will that the aforesaid fair or market time upon the first three days of the same four days be and shall be for the buying and selling of horses and mares and their colts only and upon the last day of the aforesaid four days for the buying and selling as well of all manner of cattle whatsoever as of all other goods, chattels and merchandise whatsoever of whatsoever kind, nature or sort they may be, together with a court of piepowder during the times of the fair or market time aforesaid and with all the

omnibus Libertatibus et Liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi Curiam pertinentibus simulcum Theoloneo Stallagio Piccagio finibus Amercia-
mentis ac omnibus alijs Proficuis com[m]oditatibus et emolumentis
quibuscunque ad hujusmodi feriam sive Nundinum et Curiam Pedis
Pulverizati respective pertinentibus spectantibus emergentibus acci-
dentibus sive contingentibus Ita tamen quod predicta feria sive Nun-
dinum non sit ad nocumentum vicinarum feriarum sive Nundinorum.

Volumus etiam ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictae et successoribus suis quod ipsi et successores sui de cetero imperpetuum habeant teneant et custodiant ac habere tenere et custodire valeant et possint infra Civitatem predictam in et super quemlibet diem Martis in qualibet septimana unum Mercatum pro empcone et vendicione omnium Piscium Volucrum ovorum butiri casei porcorum Cuniculorum et herbarum solum[m]odo Et non pro empcone sive vendicione aliquorum aliorum bonorum sive merchandizarum quarumcunque Et ad Tolneta et Proficua inde recipiendum absque compoto Ita quod Mercatum illud non sit ad damnum vel prejudicium alicujus vicini Mercati.

Et ulterius de uberiori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris

liberties and free customs to such a court appurtenant together with toll, stallage, picage, fines, amercements and all other the profits, commodities and emoluments whatsoever to such fair or market time and court of pie-powder respectively appertaining, belonging, emerging, happening or arising, So nevertheless that the aforesaid fair or market time be not to the hurt of neighbouring fairs or market times.

We will also and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors that they and their successors from henceforth for ever have, hold and keep and may and can have, hold and keep within the city aforesaid on and upon each and every Tuesday in every week one market for the buying and selling of all fish, fowl, eggs, butter, cheese, pigs, coneyes and herbs only and not for the buying or selling of any other goods or merchandise whatsoever, and for receiving the tolls and profits thereof without accompt, So that that market be not to the damage or prejudice of any neighbouring market.

And further of our more abundant especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion for ourselves our heirs and successors we grant,

Concedimus approbamus ratificamus et confirmamus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predictæ et successoribus suis omnia et singula tot talia tanta eadem hujusmodi et consimilia Maneria Mesuagia rectorias terras redditus tenementa Curias Letas Visus Franci Plegij Curiam de Burghmamot et alias Curias quas-cunque Ferias Nundina Mercata consuetudines Libertates Franchiesas Immunitates proficua Quietancias potestates authoritates Jura fines amerciamenta exempciones Jurisdicciones Escaetas Escaetorias bona et catalla felonum dampnorum convictorum utlagatorum waviata fugitivorum vasta extrahuras confiscarias fines delinquencium concordantias¹ fines et forisfacturas coram nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris Justiciarijs de Communibus Placitis Justiciarijs de Banco Baronibus de Scaccario nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum vel coram Admirallo Seneschallo Mariscallo seu Clerico Mercati nostri vel heredum vel successorum nostrorum seu coram Justiciarijs Itinerantibus seu Justiciarijs Officiariorum vel placitorum Foreste Justiciarijs ad Assizas seu Generalem Gaole deliberacionem seu Custodibus Pacis nostre heredum vel successorum nostrorum Necnon omnia et omnimoda amerciamenta exitus proficua forisfactura et forisfacienda deperdita et deperdenda Concessionones et hereditamenta quecunque tam infra

approve, ratify and confirm to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors all and singular so many such so great the same this manner of and similar manors, messuages, rectories, lands, rents, tenements, courts-leet, views of frank-pledge, court of burghmanmot and other courts whatsoever, fairs, market times, markets, customs, liberties, franchises, immunities, profits, quittances, powers, authorities, rights, fines, amercements, exemptions, jurisdictions, escheats, escheatrics, goods and chattels of felons, of those convicted of damages, [and] of outlaws, waifs of fugitives, wastes, estrays, confiscations, fines for licence of concord, fines and forfeitures, before us our heirs or successors, justices of common pleas, justices of the bench, barons of the exchequer of us our heirs or successors or before the admiral, steward, marshal or clerk of the market of us our heirs or successors or before the justices in eyre or justices of the officers or of the pleas of the forest, justices of assises or of general gaol delivery or the keepers of the peace of us our heirs or successors, Also all and all manner of amercements, issues, profits, things forfeited and to be forfeited, abandoned and to be abandoned, grants and hereditaments whatsoever as well within the city of

¹ *'fines delinquen' concordan'* in the original.

Civitatem Lincolnie Suburbia Libertates et Comitatum ejusdem Civitatis quam infra sepeales Portus totius Comitatus nostri Lincolnensis seu alibi infra regnum nostrum Anglie quot quanta qualia et que Cives Civitatis predictæ seu Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas predicti modo legitime habent tenent utuntur et gaudent aut legitime habere tenere uti seu gaudere debent vel eorum Predecessores aut aliqui Cives dicte Civitatis per quecunque nomina sive quodcunque nomen vel per quamcunque Incorporacionem vel pretextu cujuscunque Incorporacionis Et utrum antehac incorporati fuerunt vel non unquam legitime habuerunt tenuerunt usi vel gavisii fuerunt aut legitime habere tenere uti vel gaudere debuerunt de statu hereditario eis et successoribus suis imperpetuum vel aliter racione vel pretextu aliquarum Cartarum aut Literarum Patentium aliquorum Progenitorum seu Antecessorum nostrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Anglie antehac quomodo¹ rite et legitime factarum confirmatarum vel concessarum aut pretextu alicujus legitime Prescripcionis usus vel consuetudinis vel aliquo alio Legali modo Jure seu titulo antehac habito usitato sive consueto, Licet eadem et eorum aliquod vel aliqui² usi non fuerint aut eadem abusi male usi vel discontinuati sint vel fuerint et Licet eadem

Lincoln, the suburbs, liberties and county of the same city as within the several parts of the whole of our county of Lincoln or elsewhere within our realm of England as many as great such as and which the citizens of the city aforesaid or the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty aforesaid now lawfully have, hold, use and enjoy or lawfully ought to have, hold, use or enjoy, or their predecessors or any citizens of the said city, by whatever names or by whatever name or by whatever incorporation or by colour of whatever incorporation and whether before this time they have been incorporated or not, ever lawfully have had, held, used or enjoyed or lawfully ought to have had, held, used or enjoyed of estate hereditary to themselves and their successors for ever or otherwise by reason or virtue of any charters or letters patent of any of our progenitors or ancestors late kings or queens of England before this time in any manner whatever duly and lawfully made, confirmed or granted or by virtue of any lawful prescription, use or custom or by any other lawful manner, right or title before this time had, used or accustomed, Although they have not used the same and any one or more thereof, or have or shall have abused, ill-used or discontinued the same, and although the same or any one or more

¹ *sic* in the original for *quoquomodo*.

² *sic* in the original for *aliqua*.

vel eorum aliquod vel aliqua deperdita vel forisfacta vel aliququaliter seisita fuerint vel fuit necnon omnes et singulas Chartas et Literas Patentes predictas ac omnia in illis seu eorum aliqua data concessa ratificata seu confirmata seu dari concedi ratificari vel confirmari mencionata tamen sub Provisionibus et Limitacionibus predictis et redditibus et servicijs nobis Proinde debitis sive solubilibus.

Quare volumus ac per presentes firmiter injungendo Precipimus pro Nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Quod predicti Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas Civitatis predictæ et Successores sui habeant teneant exerceant utantur et gaudeant ac habere tenere exercere uti gaudere valeant et possint imperpetuum omnia et singula Curias predictas ferias Nundina Mercata Fines Libertates Exempciones Escaetas Escaetrias Bona et Catalla Felonum Dampnorum Convictorum utlagatorum waviata Fugitivorum Felonum de se Attinctorum necnon Thesaurum inventum Streppum vastum Estrahuras confiscarias Fines de Licencia concordandi Fines et Forisfacturas coram Nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris Justiciarijs Comunium Placitorum Justiciarijs de Banco Baronibus de Scaccario nostro heredum vel Successorum nostrorum vel coram Admirallo Seneschallo Mareschallo seu Clerico Mercati nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum seu

thereof shall have been one or more lost or forfeited or in any manner whatever seised, Also all and singular charters and letters patent aforesaid and all things therein or in any one of them given, granted, ratified or confirmed, or mentioned to be given, granted, ratified or confirmed, nevertheless in accordance with the provisions and limitations aforesaid and the rents and services to us therefor due or payable.

Wherefore we will and by the presents firmly enjoining we command for ourselves our heirs and successors that the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors have, hold, exercise, use and enjoy and may and can have, hold, exercise, use and enjoy for ever all and singular the courts aforesaid, fairs, market times, markets, fines, liberties, exemptions, escheats, escheatrics, goods and chattels of felons, of those convicted of damages [and] of outlaws, waifs of fugitives, of felons de se, of attainted persons, also treasure trove, estrip, waste, estrays, confiscations, fines for licence of concord, fines and forfeitures before us our heirs or successors the justices of the common pleas, the justices of the bench, the barons of the exchequer of us our heirs or successors or before the admiral, steward, marshal or clerk of the market of us our heirs or successors, or before the justices

coram Justiciarijs Itinerantibus Justiciarijs Officiariorum seu Placitorum Foreste Justiciarijs ad Assisas seu Generalem Gaole Deliberaturam seu Custodibus Pacis nostre heredum vel Successorum nostrorum Necnon omnia et omnimoda Amerciamenta Exitus Proficua Forisfactura et Forisfacienda Deperdita et Deperdenda Concessionones et hereditamenta quecunque ac omnes alias Authoritates Jurisdicciones Franchisas Quietancias Immunitates unacum omnibus et singulis Manerijs Mesuagijs Rectorijs Incorporacionibus Terris Tenementis et hereditamentis predictis secundum Tenorem et effectum harum Literarum nostrarum Patentium et secundum tenorem et effectum Chartarum et Literarum Patentium Ante[ce]ssorum vel progenitorum nostrorum predictorum et cujuslibet illorum sine occasione sine impedimento nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum Justiciariorum Vicecomitum Escaetorum Coronatorum Ballivorum sive aliorum Ministrorum sive Officiariorum nostrorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quoruncunque.

Nolentes quod Ijdem Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas Civitatis predicte vel eorum aliquis vel aliqui vel eorum Successores occasione Premissorum vel eorum alicujus per Nos vel per heredes vel Successores nostros Justiciarios Vicecomites Escaetores Coronatores Ballivos Ministros aut alios Officiarios sive Ministros nostros heredum

in eyre, the justices of the officers or of the pleas of the forest, the justices of the assises or general gaol delivery or the keepers of the peace of us our heirs or successors, Also all and all manner of amercements, issues, profits, things forfeited and to be forfeited, abandoned and to be abandoned, grants and hereditaments whatsoever and all other authorities, jurisdictions, franchises, quittances, immunities, together with all and singular manors, messuages, rectories, incorporations, lands, tenements and hereditaments aforesaid in accordance with the tenour and effect of these our letters patent and in accordance with the tenour and effect of the charters and letters patent of our ancestors or progenitors aforesaid and any one of them without hindrance or impediment of us our heirs or successors the justices, sheriffs, escheators, coroners, bailiffs or others the ministers or officers of us our heirs or successors whomsoever.

Being unwilling that the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid or any one or more of them or their successors by reason of the premises or of any one of them be therefor hindered, molested, vexed or harmed, cr in any manner whatever disturbed, by us or by our heirs or

vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunque inde occasionentur molestentur vexentur seu graventur aut in aliquo perturbentur.

Volentes ac per presentes pro Nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris firmiter Mandantes et Precipientes tam Thesaurarijs¹ Cancellarijs et Baronibus Scaccarij nostri apud Westmonasterium ac alijs Justiciarijs et Officiarijs nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quam Attornato et Sollicitatori nostris Generalibus et Attornatis nostris in Curijs quibuscunque pro tempore existentibus et eorum cuilibet et omnibus Officiarijs et Ministris nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quod nec ipsi nec eorum aliquis vel aliqui aliquod Breve aut Summonicionem de Quo Warranto sive aliquod aliud Breve Brevia vel Processus nostra quecunque versus ipsos Majorem Vicecomites Cives et Communitatem Civitatis predicte vel eorum aliquem vel aliquos vel eorum successores pro aliquibus Chartis Literis Patentibus Consuetudinibus Privilegijs Jurisdiccionibus Causis rebus Materijs Offensis Clameis aut Usurpacionibus aut eorum aliquo per ipsos vel eorum aliquem vel aliquos debitis clamatis attemptatis usitatis habitis seu usurpatis ante diem confeccionis harum Literarum nostrarum Patentium prosequantur aut continuentur aut prosequi aut continuari faciant vel causabunt aut eorum aliquis faciet aut causabit.

successors the justices, sheriffs, escheators, coroners, bailiffs, ministers or others the officers or ministers of us our heirs or successors whomsoever.

Willing and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors firmly commanding and ordering as well the treasurers, chancellors and barons of our exchequer at Westminster and other the justices and officers of us our heirs and successors as our attorney general and solicitor general and our attorneys in any whatsoever courts for the time being and any whomsoever of them and all officers and ministers of us our heirs and successors that neither they themselves nor any one or more of them prosecute or continue or make or cause to be prosecuted or continued, one or more, any writ or summons of *Quo Warranto* or any other whatsoever our writ, writs or processes against them the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid, or any one or more of them, or their successors for any charters, letters patent, customs, privileges, jurisdictions, causes, things, matters, offences, claims or usurpations or any one thereof by them or by any one or more of them due, claimed, attempted, used, had or usurped before the day of the completion of these our letters patent.

¹ *Thesauraurar* in the original.

Volentes etiam quod idem Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas Civitatis predicte vel eorum aliqui per aliquem vel aliquos Justiciarios Officiarios vel Ministros predictos in aut pro debito usu Clameo vel abusu aliquarum Libertatum Franchesarum aut Jurisdiccionum infra Civitatem predictam vel infra Suburbia et Precinctus ejusdem vel infra Comitatum Civitatis predicte ante diem confeccionis presentium minime molestantur vexentur impediantur aut ad ea vel eorum aliquod vel aliqua respondere compellantur.

Volumus insuper ac per presentes pro Nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis predicte et successoribus suis quod hec presens Charta nostra sic eis ut prefertur generaliter facta sit et erit ejusdem Vigoris et effectus qualis esset si omnes priores concessionones et Litere Patentes Antecessorum vel Progenitorum nostrorum Verbatim et Seriatim in his presentibus recitate fuissent ac si omnia Premissa superius specificata seu in Literis Patentibus superius recitata vel in omnibus illis mencionata plus specialiter legitime et perticulariter in hac eadem Charta nostra exprimentur¹ et specificentur Et quod dicta Charta nostra intelligatur adjudicetur et determinetur ex parte ipsorum

Willing also that the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid or any of them be not in any way whatever molested, vexed, hindered or compelled to answer for them or any one or more thereof by any one or more justices, officers or ministers aforesaid in or for due use, claim or abuse of any liberties, franchises or jurisdictions within the city aforesaid or within the suburbs and precincts thereof or within the county of the city aforesaid before the day of the completion of these presents.

We will also and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors grant to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors that this our present charter thus to them as is aforesaid made in general terms be and shall be of the same virtue and effect as it would be if all the former grants and letters patent of our ancestors and progenitors word for word and clause for clause had been recited in these presents just as if all the premises above specified or in the letters patent above recited or in all of them mentioned were expressed and specified more especially, lawfully and particularly in this same our charter, and that the said our charter be understood, adjudged and determined on behalf of them the

¹ *sic* in the original.

Majoris Vicecomitum Civium et Communitatis Civitatis predicte et successorum suorum erga Nos heredes et successores nostros prout melius et beneficentius poterit sciri et intelligi.

Non obstante aliqua omissione defectu repugnancia falsa recitatione misprisione seu contradiccione in eadem.

Salvo semper et reservato Nobis et heredibus nostris in Jure Ducatus nostri Lancastrie Castro nostro Lincolnie ac fossatis et Muris ejusdem infra et extra cum Omnibus suis Membris Visu Franci Plegij et quicquid ad Visum Franci Plegij pertinet et omnibus Libertatibus Privilegijs et Franchesijs eidem pertinentibus Ac omnibus alijs Franchesijs et Libertatibus nostris adeo libere et integre sicut ibidem modo occupantur et utuntur.

Et salvo semper et reservato Episcopo Lincolnensi necnon Decano et Capitulo Ecclesie Cathedralis Lincolnensis et Domino Libertatis de Bemon Fee heredibus et successoribus suis Omnimodis Libertatibus Privilegijs Franchesijs Immunitatibus et Consuetudinibus que de Jure aliquo modo antehac usi fuerunt habuerunt et modo habent his presentibus vel aliquo in eisdem specificato in aliquo non obstante.

mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city aforesaid and their successors in regard to us our heirs and successors as can be best and most beneficially known and interpreted.

Notwithstanding any omission, defect, repugnance, false recital, misprision or contradiction therein.

Saving always and reserving to ourselves and our heirs in right of our Duchy of Lancaster, our castle of Lincoln and the ditches and walls thereof within and without with all its members, view of frank-pledge and whatsoever appertains to view of frank-pledge, and all the liberties, privileges and franchises thereto appertaining and all other our franchises and liberties as freely and wholly as they are now therein occupied and used.

And saving always and reserving to the bishop of Lincoln also to the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Lincoln and to the lord of the Liberty of Bemon Fee their heirs and successors all manner of liberties, privileges, franchises, immunities and customs which by right in any manner before this time they have used, have had and now have, these presents or anything in the same specified in any way notwithstanding.

In cujus rei Testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus Patentes.

Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium Decimo Septimo die Decembris Anno Regni nostri Tricesimo Sexto.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

Pigott.

Pardonatur.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness me myself at Westminster on the seventeenth day of December in the thirty-sixth year of our reign.

By writ of privy seal.

Pigott.

It is pardoned (*i.e.* no fee charged).

CHARTER OF KING WILLIAM III.

[22 July, 8th year, 1696.]

GULIELMUS Tertius Dei gratia Anglie Scotie Francie et Hibernie Rex Fidei Defensor etc. Omnibus ad quos presentes Litere nostre pervenerint Salutem.

Cum per quandam Inquisitionem Indentatam captam apud Guihaldam Civitatis Lincolnie Die Sabati scilicet octavo die Februarij Anno Regni nostri septimo Annoque Domini Millesimo Sexcentesimo nonagesimo quinto coram Henrico Greene et Thoma Colson Vicecomitibus Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ et Comitatus ejusdem Civitatis virtute Brevis nostri de ad quod Dampnum e Cancellaria nostra nuper emanati vicecomitibus Civitatis predictæ directi et eidem Inquisitioni annexi per sacramenta proborum et legalium hominum Civitatis et Comitatus predictorum compertum existit quod non erit ad dampnum vel prejudicium nostri aut aliorum vel ad nocumentum Vicinarum Feriarum sive Nundinorum si Nos Concederemus Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predictæ et Successoribus suis vnam Feriam sive Nundinum tenendam infra Civitatem Lincolnie predictam quolibet Anno imper-

WILLIAM the Third by the grace of God king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc. To all unto whom the present our letters shall have come, greeting.

Whereas by a certain inquest indented taken at the Guildhall of the city of Lincoln on Saturday, to wit the eighth day of February in the seventh year of our reign and in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and ninety-five before Henry Greene and Thomas Colson, sheriffs of the aforesaid city of Lincoln and of the county of the said city, by virtue of our writ of *ad quod dampnum* lately issued out of our chancery directed to the sheriffs of the city aforesaid and attached to the same inquest by the oaths of worthy and lawful men of the aforesaid city and county it stands ascertained that it will not be to the loss or prejudice of us or of others or to the harm of the neighbouring fairs or markets if we should grant to the mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and to their successors one fair or market time to be held within the city of Lincoln aforesaid

petuum in et super quemlibet primum diem Mercurij in Mense Septembris et per tres dies duraturam duo primi dies eorundem trium dierum fore pro Empcione et Vendicione Spadonum Equorum Equarum et earum Pullorum vltimus dies predictorum trium dierum fore pro Empcione et Vendicione tam omnium et omnimodorum Pecorum et Pecudum quarumcunque quam omnium aliorum Bonorum Catallorum Mercimoniorum et Merchandizarum quarumcunque vnam Theoloneis Tolnetis Piccagiis Stallagiis et aliis proficuis ex huiusmodi Feria sive Nundina provenientibus et emergentibus ipsis prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie predictae et successoribus suis percipiendis prout per Inquisicionem predictam plenius liquet et apparet.

Sciatis modo quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris Dedimus et Concessimus ac per presentes pro Nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris Damus et Concedimus eisdem Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie et Successoribus suis quod ipsi et Successores sui habeant teneant et custodiant et habere tenere et custodire valeant et possint vnam Feriam sive Nundinum tenendam infra Civitatem Lincolnie predictam quolibet anno imperpetuum in et super quemlibet primum diem Mercurij in Mense Septembris et per tres Dies duraturam duo

in each year for ever on and upon each first Wednesday in the month of September and to last for three days, the first two days of the same three days to be for the buying and selling of geldings, horses, mares and their colts, the last day of the aforesaid three days to be for the buying and selling as well of all and all manner of cattle and beasts whatsoever as of all other goods, chattels, wares and merchandises whatsoever together with the charges, tolls, piccages, stallages and other the profits arising and forthcoming from this manner of fair or market to them the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln aforesaid and to their successors to be received as more fully is clear and apparent by the inquest aforesaid.

Know ye now that we of our special grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion have given and granted and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors do give and grant to the same mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln and to their successors that they and their successors may have, hold and keep and be enabled to and can have, hold and keep one fair or market time to be held within the aforesaid city of Lincoln in each year for ever on and upon each first Wednesday in the month of September and to last for three days, the first two days of the same three

primi dies eorundem trium Dierum fore pro empcone et vendicione Spadonum Equorum Equarum et earum Pullorum vltimus dies predictorum trium dierum fore pro empcone et Vendicione tam omnium et omnimodorum pecorum et pecudum quarumcunque quam omnium aliorum Bonorum Catallorum Mercimoniorum et Merchandizarum quarumcunque vnacum Curia Pedis pulverizati tempore Ferie sive Nundine predictae ac cum omnibus Libertatibus et liberis Consuetudinibus Tolnetis Theoloneis Piccagiis Stallagiis Finibus Amerciamenis et omnibus aliis proficuis Advantagiis et Emolumentis quibuscunque huiusmodi Ferie sive Nundine et Curie Pedis pulverizati aliquantulum spectantibus pertinentibus emergentibus sive provenientibus sive cum eisdem habitis sive gavisis.

Habendum tenendum et gaudendum predictam Feriam sive Nundinum¹ Libertatibus Consuetudinibus Tolnetis Theoloneis Piccagiis Stallagiis Curia Pedis pulverizati Finibus et Amerciamenis et ceteris omnibus et singulis premissis superius per presentes concessis seu mencionatis fore concessis prefatis Majori Vicecomitibus Civibus et Communitati Civitatis Lincolnie et successoribus suis ad solum et proprium opus et vsum ipsorum prefatorum Majoris Vicecomitum

days to be for the buying and selling of geldings, horses, mares and their colts, the last day of the aforesaid three days to be for the buying and selling as well of all and all manner of cattle and beasts whatsoever as of all other goods, chattels, wares and merchandizes whatsoever together with a court of pie-powder in the time of the fair or market time aforesaid and with all the liberties and free customs, tolls, charges, piccages, stallages, fines, amercements and all other the profits, advantages and emoluments whatsoever to this manner of fair or market and court of pie-powder in any way whatever belonging, appertaining, arising or forthcoming or with the same held or enjoyed.

To have, to hold and to enjoy the aforesaid fair or market time, [together with all and all manner of] liberties, customs, tolls, charges, piccages, stallages, court of pie-powder, fines and amercements and other all and singular the premises above by these presents granted or mentioned to be granted to the abovesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln and their successors to the sole and proper need and use of them the above-

¹ The words *una cum omnibus et omnimodis* seem to have been omitted here in the original.

Civium et Communitatis Civitatis Lincolnie et Successorum suorum imperpetuum et hoc absque Compoto vel aliquo alio Nobis Heredibus vel Successoribus nostris proinde reddendo solvendo vel faciendo.

Quare volumus ac per presentes pro Nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris firmiter injungendo precipimus et Mandamus quod predicti Major Vicecomites Cives et Communitas Civitatis Lincolnie et Successores sui vigore Presencium bene libere licite et quiete habeant teneant et custodiant ac habere tenere et custodire valeant et possint imperpetuum predictam Feriam vnacum omnibus et omnimodis Libertatibus Consuetudinibus Tolnetis proficuis et premissis predictis secundum tenorem et veram Intencionem harum Literarum nostrarum Patentium absque Molestacione Perturbacione gravamine sive Contradiccione nostri Heredum vel Successorum nostrorum vel aliquorum Vicecomitum Eschaetorum Ballivorum Officiariorum vel Ministrorum nostrorum Heredum vel Successorum nostrorum quorumcunque Et hoc absque aliquo Warranto Brevi vel processu Nobis Heredibus vel Successoribus nostris imposterum in ea parte procurando aut obtinendo.

In cujus rei Testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus Patentes.

said mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln and their successors for ever, And this without yielding, paying or making therefor account or anything else to us our heirs or successors.

- * Wherefore we will and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors firmly enjoining we order and command that the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, citizens and commonalty of the city of Lincoln and their successors by the force of these presents may well and freely, lawfully and quietly have, hold and keep and may be enabled to and can have, hold and keep for ever the aforesaid fair together with all and all manner of liberties, customs, tolls, profits and premisses aforesaid according to the tenour and true intent of these our letters patent without hindrance, disturbance, trouble or contradiction of us our heirs or successors or of any sheriffs, escheators, bailiffs, officers or ministers of us our heirs or successors whomsoever, And this without procuring or obtaining any warrant, writ or process on that behalf from us our heirs or successors hereafter.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Testibus Thoma Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi et ceteris Custodibus
et Justiciariis Regni apud Westmonasterium vicesimo secundo die
Julij Anno Regni nostri octavo.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

Pigott.

Witnesses Thomas¹ Archbishop of Canterbury, and the rest of the keepers
and justices of the realm at Westminster on the twenty-second day of July in
the eighth year of our reign.

By writ of Privy Seal.

Pigott.

Imperfect great seal in dark green wax, appended by a plaited bobbin of
crimson and yellow silks.

This charter is written on one membrane, ornamented with a fanciful
bordure in which is contained a medallion portrait of the king. It also has
illustrations of the royal armorial bearings and heraldic designs interspersed
with emblematical figures, united with conventional sprays of foliage.

¹ Thomas Tenison.

GLOSSARY

- Abbrokeurs**, 37. Inspectors appointed to supervise the woollen trade of the city, under certain regulations as to appointment and duties
- Acton Burnell**, the Statute of 11 Edward I (1283), ordaining the Statute-Merchant. This is so called from the place, Acton Burnell, co. Salop, where the Statute was made, 192, 193
- Aldermannus**: an alderman, originally the Ealdorman of a hundred; in the Lincoln Charters the alderman of a city with duties defined, 206, 207, etc. See Index
- Ambidextris**, 149; **Ambidexter**, one who takes bribes with both hands, i.e., from suitors on each side; for penalties see *Cunningham...Dictionary...of the Law*, s.v.
- Amerciammentum**, mulct or punishment by pecuniary fine, 245, 280, 281, 284
- Anus et dies**, "annum diem," etc. Year and day, 2, 12, 82; "Annum diem," "annos dies," 151. A time which determines a right in many cases, as in the case of an estray, a wreck, and so forth
- Assaia**, or **Assay**; examination as to accuracy of weights and measures, 49, 50
- Assisa**, an assise or assessment of the price of beer and wine; *assisa panis et ceruise*, 49, 50; *Assise*, 1; *Assise*, 12, 20
- Assizes**, arraigned, 60
- Attachiamenta**, 239; attachment, compulsion, or arrest of persons or goods
- Attachiati**, 62
- Ballivus**, a bailiff or representative put in charge by his superior. In a city or borough this officer represented the lord of the manor out of which the city had grown. The earliest struggles of the burgesses would be to supersede the bailiff by a mayor of their own election, and also to get the right to elect the bailiffs, 62, 70, 230, etc.
- Bridtoll**, 4, 7, 10, 21, 23, ? a tax payable on taking a "bride," called *Brithol* by Cunningham, without explanation, occurring in the London charters. Cf. *Merchetum*, and *Jus prime noctis*; but ? Bridge-toll
- Burgagium**, 1, a habitation or property in boroughs (held of the king at a yearly rent), which carried with it for the owner the position of a burgess
- Burghmanmote**, to be held weekly, 59, 91. Burghmanmote, pleas to be held in the, 61
- Burghma[n]mott**, Court of, 264, 266. Burghma[n]mote, 245, 281
- Burwardmote**, held weekly, 4, 7, 10, 21. Burewaremot, 7, 10, 21, 23. Burghware, *quasi Burgi-vir*, a Citizen or Burgess, Cunningham
- Camerarius**, a chamberlain, or keeper of the public accounts, 206, 208, 210, etc. See Index
- Chantour**, or Precentor of the Cathedral, rights of, to be preserved, 190
- Childewite**, a tax or fine payable on birth of an illegitimate child; power to fine a bondwoman unlawfully giving birth to a child, 7, 10; *Cildwyte*, 4, 21; *Chilwite*, 23
- Civitas**, a city, formerly it was considered that a cathedral church or bishop's seat was an essential of a city, but that is not absolutely necessary now: as at Westminster, Cardiff, etc., 200. See Index
- Clamator**, 230, 264, crier, an office sometimes held by one of the sergeants-at-mace
- Clava**, a mace, usually of silver or silver gilt. Sometimes the head of a mace was in the form of a covered cup and could be detached from the long stem, and was then so used at civic banquets in many corporations. It was carried on formal occasions by the *servientes ad clavam*, or sergeants-at-mace, 230, 264
- Clericus mercati**. This officer had the charge of the standard weights and measures with power to hold a court where presentments were made of those who used false weights and measures or offered unwholesome foodstuffs, and to fine delinquents, 50, 82, etc. See Index. At Carlisle, for example, the clerks of the market were to "tak the ovarsight of all kynds of vitells cumyng

- and beyng withyn the cite and merket on the merket days, and that all unwholsome vitells takyn either by the mayor balif or clerk of the merket shall either be burnt or otherwise disposed to the poor people by the Mayr and balyfs at thare discretion." Chancellor Ferguson (*Royal Charters of Carlisle*, p. 311, *n.*) says, somewhat sardonically, "This would have the further advantage of disposing of the poor people, and so saving the rates." The same idea is put by Sir Walter Scott into the mouth of one of his characters, "if there is anything absolutely uneatable let it be given to the poor." See Marquess of Bute, *Address at St Andrew's University*, p. 33, new Edit. 1911
- Cobbingwolle**, a kind of wool subject to special regulations, 35
- Coket**, seal of the, 29. Coketting is the taking account of goods to be transported in order to receive the dues and give the ticket of discharge
- Concordantia**, *Licencia concordandi*, 247, 283. In a legal sense, the very agreement between the contending parties
- Confiscariæ**, 247, 281, 283. Things forfeited to the King's Exchequer
- Contecke**, 35, dispute. Halliwell has *Contekour*, a person who quarrels
- Conventiculis**, 27, a conventicle, a little private assembly for exercise of religion
- Coth**, a kind of wool, 35, cf. *Cotgare*, refuse wool, *Coth*, a disease, *Cothy*, faint, sickly, Halliwell. *Cottum*, coarse or dag-wool of which coarse blankets were made, Cunningham
- Crakepulling**, a kind of wool, 35
- Cuche**, a wool-weight or measure, 34, 35, 37
- Curia de Burghma[n]mot**, or *Burghma[n]mott*, 245, 264, 266, 281
- Curia Leta**. The Court Leet of a manor at which all the "resients" attended as distinguished from the Court-baron which was attended by the free tenants. It was a court of record for offences, and was presided over by the steward or bailiff of the lord of the manor, 245, 281
- Curia Pedis pulverizati**, or Court of Piepowder, a court held in fairs, held *de hora in horam* for summary administration of justice between parties to whom expedition is vital, and only held during the time that fairs are kept, 279, 280
- Customs**, the, 1, 4, 19, 23
- Deodanda**, 149, 151, 152, things given, as it were, to God for pacification of his wrath in case of misadventure whereby any Christian man comes to a violent end without fault of any reasonable creature, as for example if a horse strike his keeper and so kill him, in which case it is deodand and sold for benefit of the poor
- Destauanz**, 35, discord or disagreement. Halliwell has *Destauance*, pride, discord, treachery
- Disrationare**, 9; *Dirationare*, 3. To justify or make good the denial of a fact, to traverse
- Divisae Civitatis**, the four divisions or wards of the city, 1, 12, 20
- Duellum**, or *Duel*, prohibited, 3, 6, 9, 21, 22. In law, the trial by duel, in doubtful cases
- Dyers**, *teynturers*, 32
- Encifer**, 230; *Ensifer*, 264, swordbearer. There are several swords in possession of the corporation, one of them being of considerable antiquity. In some city charters this officer is called *Portator gladii*
- Escaeta**, 154, 155, 245, 247, 281, 283, lands or other profits which casually fall to a lord within his manor
- Escaetor**, an officer who received the escheats or dues of the crown
- Escaetria**, 154, 155; *Escaetoria*, *Escaetriae*, 245, 247, 281, 283
- Escapiis**, 235, 269
- Escheators**, duties of, 134, 284
- Estenn**, tin, 28, 29, 30
- Estreppamentum**, 82; *estripment*, or malicious stripping of a property made by a tenant for life upon any lands or woods to the prejudice of the reversioner (In) *exigendo*, persons were put "in exigent," when not found or forthcoming, for felony, 146
- Extrahura**, an estray, or beast that is not wild, found within a lordship, and whose owner is not known, 245, 247, 281, 283
- Felo-de-se**, attainder of, 247, 283
- Feodum**, a fee or payment; sometimes an estate held by tenure from an overlord
- Fifteenths**, remitted for 40 years, 100, 155, 198, 251
- Finis**, a Fine, or payment to secure immunity from molestation or claim, 245, 247, 281, 283; *Fines*, to be on the London scale, 4, 6, 9, 21, 22, 25
- Folours**, fullers, 32
- Foreign merchants**, regulations concerning, 14, 15
- Forestall**, forestalling, buying or bargaining for cattle and other merchandise by the way as they are coming to markets or fairs for sale, with intent to resell at a profit. But *forsteal* in the *Leges Hen. I* signifies "assultus super aliquem in via regia factus." *Forestallariis*, 149, 235, 269
- Franchesia**, a franchise, privilege, freedom, or exemption from ordinary jurisdiction, 284, 287
- Francus plegius**, a frank-pledge or

member of a body united for mutual protection, 245, 281, 287

Gaol delivery, 151. The gaol was delivered, i.e., freed from its prisoners, by their trial

Garth, a kind of wool, 35

Gelda, 1, 12, 19, 21, a tax due to the king, from which none were theoretically exempt

Giercegreve, 4; Gieresgiene, 21, 23; Gyresceyeue, 7; Yeresgiue, 10, "a yearly gift" to the crown?

Gilda, a guild, gild, or voluntary association for mutual advantages, common mercantile aim, trade protection and regulation, and religious observances

Gilda mercatoria, 1, 12; gilda, 19; gild, privileges of members of the, 19

Hanaperium. An office belonging to the Court of Chancery, so called because writs relating to the matters of which it took cognisance and their returns were originally kept in a hamper, or large basket, 87, 104, 106, 156, 251

Handerother, 67, 72, ? a rudder worked by hand alone. *Jal*, *Glossaire Nautique*, throws no light on this and the following term

Helmerother, 66, 72, ? a rudder worked otherwise than by hand alone, cf. helm, a handle, Halliwell. Helm, barre du gouvernail

Hospicium, **Hospitium**, or lodgings within the city, not to be forcibly taken, 3, 6, 9, 21, 22

Hostellarius, an inn keeper or hostellar. *Hostellariis*, 235, 270

Implacitare, to implead or bring an action against any one, 203, 204, 255; cf. placitare, 16, 17, implacitari, to be impleaded, 203, 204, 255

Incantacio, enchantment, by a charmer who pretended, or was popularly supposed, to be in personal communication with the devil, 235, 269

Indictamentum, 237, an accusation in form of law exhibited against any one to a jury, at the suit of the king

Infangtheof, **Infangenethef**, 55, 57, jurisdiction or power to deal with thieves caught within the limit of the estate to which the right appertained, jurisdiction over thefts. According to Thorpe, *Diplomatarium*, a privilege of jurisdiction over thieves taken in his land enjoyed by a landholder, but whether limited to his own men or not is uncertain

Ingrossoriiis, 235, 269; ingrossing or engrossing; an engrosser was one who unlawfully bought up large quantities of corn or other commodities with intent to resell them at an enhanced price, when opportunity should serve

Inquisiciones, 237, 239

Inquisition, or inquest, taken, 8 Feb. 1695, 289, 290

Justiciarii itinerantes, justices in eyre, that is, circuit, sent with commissions into divers counties or groups of counties to hear pleas of the crown, 150, 245, 281, 284

Landtolpenys, messuages held in chief as in free burgage so called, 143

Lastagium, freedom from, 4, 6, 9, 21, 22. Lastage is a custom, or charge exacted on the lading or cargo of a vessel. See Lestagium. But Cunningham records several other explanations

Launtz, (? timber) royal ordinances concerning, 28, n.

Laynes, wools, 35, 36; Leines, 28, 29, 30; cf. Leynes

Lestagium, Lastage, a tax or customs due, exacted on the lading of a vessel; cf. Lastagium, 4, 6, 9

Leynes, wools, 34, 35, 37; cf. Laynes

Lot and Scot, 134, a customary contribution laid upon all subjects according to their ability

Manuceptores, 152; manuceptio is a writ that lies for a man who being taken on suspicion of felony and offering sufficient bail, cannot be admitted thereto

Mercata, 283

Mescanninga, 4

Meskenninga, 7, 10, 21, 23

Miskennning, i.e., mistaking or misunderstanding the practice of a law court, or otherwise erring as to the established course of conduct in a court of law, or wrongly citing, iniqua vel injusta in jus vocatio, etc. Also, variatio loquelae in curia. Variare loquelam dicitur qui aliud petit quam quod initio et in prima litis contestatione petierat, vel qui in prosecutione juris sui non sibi constat: Thorpe, *Diplom.* Such persons were subject to the fine called miskenninga, etc.

Misericordia, 4, 6, 9, mercy, or a mulct at discretion of the court. To be at the king's mercy was to lie in such a position that the king might either exercise the right of complete forfeiture or mercifully accept a fine by way of commutation

Misprisio, 235, 269, neglect or oversight, by not revealing crime of treason, felony, etc.

Mixtae Causae. Mixed suits partaking both of the nature of real and personal, wherein real property, and personal damages for wrong, are at issue

Monetarii, 2, 3, 6, 9, 17

Muragium, murage, 26, 47. A toll taken to cover costs of building or maintaining the walls of the city, or other public places

Murder, 3, 6, 9, 21, 22; Murdra, 82

Namium, 4, 10, 21, 23, moveable property seized by way of distraint. In old law *Nam*, and *Naam*

Nundinus de Lincolnia, 5, 8, 11, 21, 23. I am unable to find any special numeration or method of counting used in Lincoln. The word *nundio* has been extended by early scribes into *numero*, but may also be read *nummo*, in which latter significance it must refer to the Lincoln mint, of which many specimens are preserved in coin cabinets and collections. See *Forgotten Lincoln*, p. 49

Nundina, 281, 283; **Nundinae**, 245, 247; **Nundinum**, 279, 280. **Nundinae** primarily signifies the ninth day, market day, or weekly market, market-place or town trade, traffic, and sale; **nundinum** is the market time, and anciently there was an *internundinum* or interval of time between two successive *nundinae*. The words *nundinae*, *nundina*, and *nundinum* are used somewhat loosely in mediæval charters

Outfangenethief, 55, 57, a privilege whereby the lord is enabled to summon a felon within his own fee but taken for felony in any other place, and to judge him in his own court

Panellos, 239, **Pannella**, 273, 274, schedules or rolls with the names of such jurors as are returned by the sheriff to pass upon any trial

Passagium, a tax or due, upon passengers, the hire paid for being carried over sea or river

Pauagium, 26, 47, money levied and paid towards the paving of streets or highways

Peaux, pelts, royal ordinances concerning, 28, 29, 30; **Peaus de Berbiz**, 35

Pessagium, 48, 53, 54, 56, a charge for certifying the weight of wares

Piccagium, 280; **piccages**, 290, 291, money paid in fairs to the lord of the soil for breaking the ground to set up stalls

Pierre, a weight so called, a stone, 35

Placita Coronae, pleas of the crown, or suits in the king's name as plaintiff or appellant for offences alleged to be committed against his crown, dignity, and place

Placitum de quo warranto, a crown lawsuit brought to compel the defendant to show title to property claimed by the crown

Pleas, charter defining, 3, 9

Pleas of the Crown, 3, 6, 9, 16, 21

Pleas of outer tenures, regulation concerning, 17, 21, 22, 25, 26

Plegius, a surety or bail, a person pledging himself or a stipulated portion of his

property for the appearance or the good behaviour of another

Pontagium, pontage, or toll for using a bridge, by way of contribution towards its maintenance, 26, 47

Portsoc, 3, 21; **Portsoc**, 6; **Portsoc**, 9, 22. **Port** here signifies the town just as *Portreeve* is the king's officer or reeve of the town, or porte (A. Sax.): as the *Sheriff* is the reeve of the king for the shire. The grant of *Portsoke* signifies the liberty of the porte or town, which usually extended without the town

Profra, proffers, when and how to be made, 56, 80. The *proffer* is the time appointed for the accounts of sheriffs and other officers in the Exchequer, which is twice in the year

Prolatio verborum, 235; and **Propalatio verborum**, 269. I am unable to say what crime or misdemeanor is represented by these words, in the corresponding passages of the respective charters of Charles I and Charles II. Neither Ducange, Jacob, nor Taylor (*Law Glossary*) give any help. The late Latin may have a different signification to the more accurate Latin of Forcellini who gives *propalatus* = *palam factus*; *propalo* = *palam facio*. *Prolatio* = *extensio*, *protenso*, *narratio*, *expositio*, *dilatatio*. Cf. *Prolatus* = *protractus*, *extensus*, and *prolatio*, *dilatatio*

Purprestura, a purpresture, or encroachment to the nuisance of the king's tenants, 145

"**Queritur**," 63, 70; *querela* is a complaint, or statement of claim, in an action in any court wherein the plaintiff is the plaintiff querent, or complainant

Quirs = coirs, hides or skins, 28, 29, 30

Quittance of murder, 3, 6, 9

Quo warranto, writ of, not to be set in motion against the corporation, 249, 285. The plea of *Quo warranto* was a lawsuit by the officers of the crown to compel the defendant party to disclose its title to property claimed by the crown

Recordator, the Recorder or Judge of the Quarter Sessions theoretically keeping the records of the trials of offenders and adjudicating therein, 226, 263, 269

Rectitudines, or rights, confirmed to the Provosts, 18

Regrataria, 149; **Regratoria**, 235, 269. **Regrating** by a retailer who buys merchandise to sell at a higher price when he sees his opportunity than would ordinarily be charged for the same commodity

Retencio, 269

Riotis, 235, 269, **Routis**, 235, 269. The distinction between these crimes is technical, but very important. In "*Riot*,"

there must be a "disturbance of the peace by three or more persons assembling together in a public place of their own authority with an intent mutually to assist one another against anyone who opposes them in the execution of some enterprise of a private nature, and afterwards actually execute the same in a violent and turbulent manner to the terror of the people." The ingredients of the offence are therefore: (1) An assembly of three or more people; (2) the common intent of carrying out a private enterprise; (3) actual execution of that enterprise in a violent manner. In "Rout," on the other hand, no enterprise is actually executed—it is merely commenced, but not carried through. There is one important difference between them. In cases of "riot" compensation for property damaged by the rioters can be obtained, but not in the cases of "rout"

Sacke, a wool measure, 34, 35, 36

Sacramentum corporale, corporal or bodily oath taken by one who when he swears lays his hand upon the book of Holy Writ.

S[c]eprifer, 230, 264, mace-bearer, one of the inferior officers of the corporation

Scotala, or **Scotale**, 4, 7, 10, 21, Scotale, also called an aleshot, where any officer of the forest keeps an alehouse within the forest, by colour of his office causes persons to come to his house and there spend money for fear of his displeasure, etc.

Selda, "a stall," 144, shop, shed, or market stand

Septrifer, 230; see *Sceptrifer*

Servientes ad clavam, 230, 264. These officers carried the mace or maces, by way of assisting the mace-bearer, and halberts when in attendance on the Mayor and bailiffs and on market days

Soc, in the term *Portsoca*, *q.v.*, is explained by the early law terms *sac* and *soc*, which signify jurisdiction, more or less complete, over the territory which belongs to the lord, generally at first only granted to the ecclesiastical bodies. *Sac* was power and privilege of determining causes and disputes, levying forfeitures and fines, executing laws, and administering justice within a certain precinct. *Soc* was strictly the right of investigating or seeking, also the territory or precinct in which *sac* was exercised

Sortilegium, sorcery or telling the future by casting lots or other devices by chance, 269

Stallagium, 26, 47, 280, 290, 291, a toll or payment for privilege of having a stall in the market

Staple of the Merchants, 28, 29, 30,

31, an appointed place where certain specified merchandise vendible and not liable to perish, but liable to revenue duties, could alone be bought and sold, and subject to the regulations and supervision appointed by the law. For the staple goods of England, of which wool is one, see Statute of 14 Ric. II. cap. 1

Statutum Mercatorum, or de Mercatoribus, a formal declaration made under the provision, and with the formalities, of the Statute of Acton Burnell, whereby the bondsman charges his body, lands, and goods with his debt, 192, 193, 194

Strayf, 149, 151, 152; this word used in the phrase "wayf and strayf" appears to be a variant form of *estray*; cf. *Extrahura*

Streppum, 149, 151, 152, 247, 283, another form of *Estreppamentum*, *q.v.*

Talea, 19, tale or measuring amount of goods by tally or number and not by weight. *Talea*, *Talia*, *Tallia*, *Tallium*, *Voces unius ejusdemque originis, quae nostris Tesseram ligneam significant, in duas partes fissam, in quarum utraque debitum continetur, transversaria quadam caesura denotatum, altera penes emitorem vel debitorem, altera penes venditorem vel creditorem remanente: nostris vulgo Taille (Ducange)*

Telarii, webbers, 83, farm and guild of; telers, or weavers, 32

Teloneum, 7, 21, etc., another form of *Theoloneum*, *q.v.*

Tenths, remitted for 40 years, not to be mistaken with tithes, 100

Tenures, outer, 21, 22

Terragium, 26, 47. *Terragium*. Agrarium. Gall. Terrage, Champart... Sic porro definitur in *Consuetud. Blesensi*, art. 130:—"Le droit de Terrage est tel, que les heritages, qui sont tenus au dit droit, quand ils sont en fruitez en grains, ou autres fruits, il en est deu au Seigneur du Terrage certaine portion, aux aucuns plus, aux autres moins, et ainsi qu'on les a accoustumez de payer selon la diversite des lieux." *Charta Ottonis Comitiss Viromanduer.*, an. 1030, apud Hemeneum:—"Ut persoluant annis singulis redditum terrae cum consuetudinibus suis, id est quartam garbam Terragii, et 5 solidos et 4 denarios in medio Martio, et 2 solidos et 4 denarios de hospitibus," etc. (Ducange)

Theolonea, 290, 291

Theoloneum, 6, 9, 10, 18; *Theoloneum*, 280; *Theolonium*, 4, 6, 7, 9, 21, 22. This appears to be a generic word for toll of various kinds upon goods exposed for sale, some of which are set out at pp. 63, 70, etc.

Thesaurus inventus, 149, 151, 152,

- 247, 283, hidden or lost treasure, of coin, jewels, etc. accidentally discovered; treasure trove, i.e. *trouvé*
- Toll**, 7, 23
- Tolneta**, 290, 291, 292; *Tolnetum*, 280, a charge levied upon things for sale, or to cover expenses on roads, bridges, landing places, etc. *Tol* was a crown right of levying toll in ports, rivers, and high roads
- Tronagium lanarum**, payment or custom for *tronage* of wools, by legal standard weight in the *trone* or weighhouse, 48, 50, 53, 54, 56
- Trone le Roy**, the king's weighing beam, 35
- Utlagati**, 245, 247, 281, 283, outlaws, the *lage-men*, who would lose their status when outlawed, were a class of persons recognised as early as in the laws of Edward Confessor, and in the *Senatus Consultum de Monticulis Walliae*. There seems no reason to doubt that they supplied the jury of the borough, and as such were entitled to considerable privileges and exemptions. The outlaw loses these rights and his position would become precarious and perilous
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